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AN ORDER OF PUBLIC SERVICE,  
CATECHISM,  
FORMS OF ADMINISTRATION OF BROAD CHURCH RITES,  
PRIVATE DEVOTIONS AND HYMNS FOR THE USE OF THE  
FAMILIES AND CHILDREN OF THE BROAD CHURCH.

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## P R E F A C E.



THE BROAD CHURCH is rapidly passing from the condition of an ideal yearning with earnest men of all creeds into an organic fact. The words of Channing, Martineau, Jowett, Robertson, Coquerel, (*père et fils*), and the innumerable company of liberal but devout confessors are already shaping themselves into deeds in England, France, and America. Here, the Unitarian, Universalist, and Christian denominations form the vanguard of the coming Church. These and countless individual thinkers, in and out of the Orthodox ranks, are fusing their thought, scholarship, and piety into one great fraternity, which will create and sustain a Church of broad sympathies, broad humanities, broad hopes, and a broad theology,—a Church, moreover, which

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will accord with, and serve the American ideas of liberty and equality, as no old-world ecclesiasticism or theology can do.

This humble volume, for the most part a mere compilation, has been prepared with the hope of increasing the true church sentiment in the hearts of the American people. The compiler believes that the religious exigencies of every human soul and the peculiarities of our national character and condition make the Church if not a divine institution at least a human necessity. The work of Protestantism will never be fully accomplished until the prayers and ordinances of the Church have been rescued from the dungeons of medieval scholasticism, and have become the inspiration of all the free men and women in America who desire to worship God without forswearing themselves upon a creed which they either do not understand or do not believe.

This Book of Common Prayer is intended to give a practical shape and an organic response to some of the desires which are stirring in the souls of liberal believers; if it may prove like the first soft breath which gently



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parts the leaves to herald the approach of a mighty gale that shall wrench giant trunks from the soil, it will accomplish its mission.

The Reformed Liturgy, which underwent the careful supervision of that brave and accomplished man, the Rev. Mr. Lindsey of Essex street Chapel, London, and also of Dr. Samuel Clark, Dr. Freeman, and Rev. Mr. Greenwood, has furnished a large portion of what follows. I have modified some things, and have restored some glorious old words which, having been heard in "secret chambers, and torch-lighted catacombs," I felt unwilling to omit; some of the sentences in the following Liturgy have been the last words breathed by fainting martyrs, and some have strengthened timid maidens with a boldness for the truth which enabled them to look fearlessly in the faces of lions,—let them stand, even if they be of doubtful interpretation, and let our children learn to reverence them as we do, for the divine grace which has flowed through them.

The Order of Public Service can be used in the common Sunday school, although it is intended

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to elevate that institution into a part of the Church. When it is preferred to retain the present methods it will only be necessary to add the usual lessons to the catechetical exercise, or to omit the latter altogether. The Service will be found particularly useful for small congregations. It may also be adopted by families prevented from attending the Church services by reason of distance or inclemency of weather. It has been the aim of the compiler to bring the church into every household, so that in remote settlements, or when for other reasons it may be desirable, the parents can gather their children around them, and with the Public Service, or the Order of Family Service, they can implant in the youthful minds a proper regard for the Lord's day, and a due respect for religious observances.

The Order of Consecration—or Infant Baptism—can be omitted by those Christians who have conscientious objections to that rite, or it is so arranged that it may be used as a dedicatory service without interfering with the subsequent baptism as a profession of faith. Without entering upon an argument for infant baptism, I beg to suggest

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the Scriptural warrant and the propriety of identifying the children with the Church as early as possible, and by any suitable symbol.

The Order of Confirmation was inserted after careful deliberation, because it seems to afford the best means for remedying what is a great evil in most Protestant churches. The Episcopal Church, by its order of confirmation, and the Methodist Church, through the agency of its classes, retain their hold upon the youth, but in a majority of the churches of other denominations, especially in those which are anti-credal, or liberal, the years of pupilage, from the age of sixteen to twenty-one, and even later, are passed without the aid and counsel of the Church, because it is a period when persons are too old for the Sunday school, and not of sufficient age to take a voluntary interest in the ordinary services of prayer and preaching. Just at this point, so perilous to the future character, the Church should step in, by appropriate public ceremony assert its jurisdiction over the young people, and teach them to regard themselves as *pledged* and *professed* disciples of Christ. I do not broach

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this as a new theory, for it has been the theme of every Sunday School convention for years, and has been keenly felt and eloquently expressed by men of very different theologies, as for instance, Judd and Bushnell. I do not put forward my own medicament as a panacea, but I fully believe, and with all proper modesty would urge it upon my brethren, that in the accompanying Order of Confirmation will be found a practical clue to the successful solution of a very perplexing problem.

The family prayers are adapted from the King's Chapel Liturgy, with some slight changes. I am indebted to the Rev. C. Brooks for permission to take from his excellent manual, "The Christian in his Closet," the prayers for Private Devotion, and a portion of the Family Service. The admirable paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer I have divided into portions suitable for a child's devotions. The Hymns for the Private Use of Children, are intended to be committed to memory; good poetry will do much for the education of a young soul.

With a sincere prayer for the prosperity of the

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Church, and the consequent victory of the Right, the Just and the True, I commend this attempt to aid the organic development of the BROAD CHURCH, to the kindness and fraternity of all who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity and in truth.

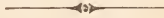
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¶ At the beginning of the service the Minister shall read the following exhortation :

COME ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; but the wicked despise wisdom and instruction. My children, if sinners entice you, consent you not. If they say, Come with us, cast in your lot among us—my children walk not in the way with them; refrain your feet from their paths; for their feet run to evil. When wisdom entereth into your hearts, and knowledge is pleasant unto your souls, discretion shall preserve you, understanding shall keep you, to deliver you from the way of those who leave the paths of uprightness to walk in the ways of darkness.

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My children, forget not the law of God ; but let your hearts keep his commandments. For length of days, and years of life, and peace, shall they add to you. Let not mercy and truth forsake you. Bind them about your necks ; write them upon the tables of your hearts. So shall you find favor in the sight of God and man.

¶ Then shall follow the General Confession to be said by the Congregation after the Minister :

Almighty and most merciful God ?—we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep.—We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.—We have offended against thy holy laws.—We have left undone those things which we ought to have done ;—and we have done those things which we ought not to have done,—and there is no health in us.—But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders.—Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults.—Restore thou them that are penitent,—according to thy promises declared

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unto mankind by Christ Jesus our Lord.—And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,—that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,—to the glory of thy holy name.  
*Amen!*

¶ Then, all standing, the Minister shall say :

The Lord has brought us safely to this day.  
*Children.* Let us give him thanks for this his goodness.

*Min.* And for all his mercies and loving kindnesses to us, and to all men ;

*Chil.* Every day will we give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

¶ Then shall the Minister offer these prayers, or he may substitute an extemporaneous prayer, the Congregation kneeling :

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants, do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world

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by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, to give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; in whose name we ascribe unto thee all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

(At the close of each prayer the Congregation will say, Amen.)

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and hast promised by thy beloved Son, that where two or three are gathered together in his name, thou wilt grant their requests; fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy children, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen!*

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¶ Then shall the Minister say :

O Lord open thou our lips.

*Answer.* And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

¶ Here, all standing up, he shall say :

Now unto the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,

*Answer.* Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, forever and ever.

*Min.* Praise ye the Lord.

*Ans.* The Lord's name be praised.

¶ Then may be said or sung the following psalm :

*Jubilate Deo.*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands ; serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God ; it is he who hath made us, and not we ourselves ; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiv-

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ing, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

¶ Then the teachers shall examine the children in the catechism, which is divided into four parts; and it is recommended that on the Sundays which are the fifth Sundays of the month, the Minister shall examine the whole assembly of children in the catechism.

¶ Here follows the sermon or address from the Minister.

¶ At the close of the sermon shall be sung the following anthem or a hymn:

*Bonum est confiteri.*—Psalm xcii.

It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most highest;

To tell of thy loving kindness early in the morning, and of thy truth in the night season;

Upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the lute; upon a loud instrument and upon the harp.



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For thou Lord hast made me glad through thy works, and I will rejoice in giving praise for the work of thy hands.

¶ Then the Minister shall say :

The Lord be with you.

*Ans.* And with thy spirit.

*Min.* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.

*Ans.* And grant us thy salvation.

*Min.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Ans.* And take not the holy Spirit from us.

*Min.* Let us pray :

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty King of kings, Lord of lords, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon the earth ; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favor to behold the President and Congress of the United States, and so replenish them with the grace of thy holy spirit that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Send down upon all ministers of the Gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the needful spirit of grace. Endue all parents with wisdom

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and love, that they may rightly train and direct their offspring in the knowledge of the truth and the practice of virtue. We humbly beseech thee to bless all sorts and conditions of men, and to grant us that peace which the world cannot give. This we humbly ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen!*

¶ Here, all standing up, shall be pronounced the Benediction.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen!*

A CATECHISM  
FOR THE  
INSTRUCTION OF CHILDREN.

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The Catechism is to be committed to memory in portions suited to the capacities of the children.

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PART I.

*Question.* CAN you tell me who made you?

*Answer.* God, who made all things, made me.

*Q.* For what did God make you?

*A.* To be virtuous and holy and happy.

*Q.* What is it to be virtuous?

*A.* It is to avoid sin, to overcome temptation, to love God, to obey my parents, to speak the truth always and to be just and kind to all persons.

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*Q.* Can God know whether you are virtuous or not?

*A.* Yes; for though we cannot see God, he sees us every moment of our lives.

*Q.* What will God do for you if you lead a holy life?

*A.* He will love me; and if he sees fit to permit me to suffer poverty or sickness or affliction, his love will always comfort me.

*Q.* Can you do anything for God?

*A.* I can only love him, obey him, and be thankful to him; I cannot make him my debtor.

*Q.* Can you speak to him?

*A.* Yes; I can pray to him for whatever I need, and he will give me what is best for me.

*Q.* In what manner should you pray to God?

*A.* Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, has given us a form of prayer which is called the Lord's Prayer.

*Q.* Repeat the Lord's Prayer.

*A.* Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is done in heaven. Give

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us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us ; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil ; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.

*Q.* After you die shall you live again ?

*A.* Yes ; God will raise us from the dead.

*Q.* How shall you live again, if you are good ?

*A.* If I have been good I shall live in heaven and be very happy forever.

*Q.* If you have been wicked, how shall you live again ?

*A.* In a condition of just retribution.

*Q.* What do you mean by retribution ?

*A.* I mean that in the future life all persons will be placed in that condition for which their characters have fitted them. If they have wilfully sinned, they must suffer much in the future.

*Q.* Where do you get this belief ?

*A.* From the Bible which we should diligently read for our improvement in knowledge and goodness, in order to fit us for heaven.

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*Q.* Is there any form of words in which Christians express the principles of their belief?

*A.* Yes: the Apostles' Creed, which was composed in the second century after the death of Christ.

*Q.* Is the Apostles' Creed binding upon the consciences of Christians?

*A.* All creeds, written by men are liable to error. There is no creed which is binding except the New Testament.

*Q.* What then are the conditions of Church fellowship?

*A.* A hearty repentance for all sins, a sincere forsaking of them, and an earnest purpose to conform the character to the precepts and spirit of the Gospel.

*Q.* Repeat the Apostles' Creed?

*A.* I believe in God the Father Almighty maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into



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heaven; and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Q.* What do you mean by the holy Catholic Church?

*A.* The universal church, composed of believers in Christ, who live in all parts of the earth, and worship God in various forms.

*Q.* What do you mean by the resurrection of the body?

*A.* I mean that we shall live again in a body, which God will give us, made like unto Christ's most glorious body, free from disease and pain, and imperishable.

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PART II.

*Q.* Does the Bible teach us what God is?

*A.* Yes; it teaches us that he had no begin-

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ning, and can have no end ; that he is God from everlasting to everlasting ; that he is the only God, and beside him there is none other ; that he has no equal, and that the Lord our God is one God.

*Q.* What does the Bible teach us of the attributes of God ?

*A.* It teaches us that he is omnipotent, holy, pure, righteous, just, merciful, wise, omniscient, long suffering, forgiving transgression and sin.

*Q.* What does God require of us ?

*A.* That we should deal justly, love mercy, and walk humbly before him.

*Q.* Has God given us any positive commandments which we are to obey ?

*A.* Yes ; he gave ten commandments to the children of Israel, and we, also, are required to comply with the spirit of them.

*Q.* What is the first commandment ?

*A.* Thou shalt have no other gods but me.

*Q.* What is the second commandment ?

*A.* Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the

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water under the earth ; thou shalt not bow down to them nor worship them ; for I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, and show mercy unto thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

*Q.* What is the third commandment ?

*A.* Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who taketh his name in vain.

*Q.* What is the fourth commandment ?

*A.* Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day ; six days shalt thou labor and do all thou hast to do, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man servant, and thy maid servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates ; for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day ; wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it. .

*Q.* What is the fifth commandment ?

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A. Honor thy father and mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Q. What is the sixth commandment?

A. Thou shalt do no murder.

Q. What is the seventh commandment?

A. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Q. What is the eighth commandment?

A. Thou shalt not steal.

Q. What is the ninth commandment?

A. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. What is the tenth commandment?

A. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife; nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

Q. How did our Saviour sum up these commandments?

A. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, On these two

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commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*Q.* What principles will best help us to observe these and all other commandments of God?

*A.* A high reverence for God, a deep love for Jesus Christ, a sincere good will for our fellow-creatures, and a proper anxiety for the immortal interests of our own souls.

*Q.* What are the best helps to a religious life?

*A.* A prayerful spirit, frequent self-examination, watchfulness over the habits we are forming, avoidance of bad company, and careful study of the Scriptures.

*Q.* Can any one live so free from sin as not to need the mercy of God for his forgiveness?

*A.* There is no man that liveth and sinneth not; and we are taught by Jesus Christ to pray always "forgive our trespasses."

*Q.* What are we to learn from our common frailty?

*A.* We are to learn humility and charity. Not to esteem ourselves more righteous than the

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rest of mankind, and to compassionate the lowest and most depraved.

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PART III.

*Q.* Does the Bible teach us anything of Jesus Christ?

*A.* Yes; it teaches us that he is the well-beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased; and that he came into the world to save sinners.

*Q.* How does he accomplish this?

*A.* By causing them to forsake their sins, and to turn to the living God.

*Q.* What has Christ done to make men forsake their sins?

*A.* He was found in fashion as a man; he taught his disciples great truths about God and heaven and immortality, which all the wisdom of men had been unable to discover; he was crucified, that by his death we might be reconciled to God; and he rose from the dead to show us

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that, though we seem to die, yet God will keep our souls alive.

*Q.* Why is Jesus Christ called the Saviour?

*A.* Because it was prophesied of him "thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sins."

*Q.* What did the Saviour say was necessary in order to bring the soul to a proper knowledge of God?

*A.* "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

*Q.* What is regeneration?

*A.* It is the birth of the religious part of our nature, which only then discovers the perfect love and goodness of God, and the true meaning of the soul and the immortal life.

*Q.* What must a sinful man do before he can be born again?

*A.* He must be converted. That is, he must turn from his sinful ways and seek in the mercy of God, the forgiveness of his sins.

*Q.* How can he be assured of this mercy?

*A.* Only by taking the Lord Jesus Christ for



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his Master and Saviour ; by faith in the promises of Christ ; by obeying his precepts, and by striving to live humbly, soberly, and righteously in the world.

*Q.* Is there any promise of Divine aid to those who seek the help of God ?

*A.* Our Saviour promised to send the Comforter to his disciples, to instruct and help them after he was taken away ; and he has also taught us that our heavenly Father is more ready to give his Holy Spirit to those that ask it, than an earthly parent is to give good things to his children.

*Q.* What is the Holy Spirit ?

*A.* It is the Spirit of God, which is always about us, admonishing us of our sins, appealing to our souls for better life, comforting us in our afflictions, answering our prayers, and bearing witness with our spirits that we are the children of God.

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PART IV.

*Q.* WHAT is the Christian Church?

*A.* It is an association of people, who, believing in the authority of Jesus Christ, and desiring to mould their lives to his requirements, unite together to strengthen and encourage each other.

*Q.* What laws are to govern the Christian Church?

*A.* The New Testament is the supreme law, and the only one that can be exercised authoritatively.

*Q.* In becoming members of the Church what is proper to be done?

*A.* It is right and proper that we should make a public profession of our discipleship by observing the two Christian Ordinances.

*Q.* What are the Christian Ordinances?

*A.* Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

*Q.* What is the meaning of Baptism?

*A.* It means a recognition of Jesus Christ as the head of the Church, and a desire to lead a holy, devout, and righteous life.

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*Q.* What is the meaning of the Lord's Supper?

*A.* It is to commemorate the death of Christ, whose love for the human family was so great that he gave up his life on the cross that he might bring us to repentance and the true life.

*Q.* When was this Ordinance instituted?

*A.* The same night in which he was betrayed.

*Q.* Is it incumbent upon us to observe these Ordinances?

*A.* No form is of so much consequence as the indwelling love of God, but as Christ ordained these ceremonies, it is our duty to observe them.

*Q.* Who are proper persons to observe the Ordinances?

*A.* All persons of proper age to understand their meaning, and who sincerely desire the aid of the Holy Spirit to enable them to lead religious and sober lives.

*Q.* What is the true bond of Church Fellowship?

*A.* Sincere love to God, and that love for our neighbor which will cause us to respect his opinions, however they may differ from our own.

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*Q.* What is the great mission of the Church?

*A.* To make the world better in its practices.

*Q.* Why has not the Church done more good in the world?

*A.* Because it has too often been divided into jealous sects, who have hated each other for differences of belief, and have fostered bigotry and uncharitableness.

*Q.* What Church does the world need?

*A.* The broad Church of Christ; the Church that will seek only to make men better; the Church whose creed will be the Bible; whose field will be the world; and whose fellowship will extend to all the human family.

*Q.* What will you do for the true Church?

*A.* I will work for it, and pray for it, and when I am older I will try to be worthy of the benefits it confers upon me.



Private Devotions.





## P R A Y E R S

FOR THE USE OF CHILDREN.

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SUNDAY MORNING.

GOD of the Sabbath, my soul would rise to thee, and would begin this holy day with praise to thee who hast made me to sleep in safety. Blessed be thy name for the Christian Sabbath, for the day which calls my mind from the transitory objects of earth to the durable things of the eternal life. In the name of him whose glorious resurrection this day commemorates, I would draw near to thee not only with my lips, but with my heart, worshipping thee in spirit and in truth.

O Thou who art love and dwellest in love, enable me to love thee with my whole heart.

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Let thy mercies draw my soul to thee and keep me ever in the path of rectitude. Let me feel that thou art in me and I in thee. May I see thee in the works and mission and person of Jesus Christ, and may I see thee in my own soul. Help me to show my gratitude to the Saviour by becoming his devoted follower.

Holy Father, as thou hast made me for truth, holiness, virtue, and immortality, do thou take off mine eyes from beholding vanity; let me not love this world too much and thee so little, cure me of all worldliness and selfish desires.

O Thou that hearest prayer, bless all worshipping assemblies this day. May thy ministers preach Christ and him crucified, and may all men come to the knowledge of the truth and be saved. May the love of thee and the love of man become the ruling principle of the human soul, and thus may thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Merciful Parent, go with me to the church, and let my heart this day be so touched by the holy influences of religion that my character

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may be formed by its heavenly spirit and my life governed by its laws.

In the name of Jesus Christ I offer these supplications, and with his own words conclude: Our Father etc. [*Here follows the Lord's Prayer.*]

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SUNDAY EVENING.

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, I would give thee most humble and hearty thanks for permitting me to live through this day, and for enabling me to meet with Christians in the house of prayer. O Thou who seest in secret, I have retired to my closet that I may thank thee for what my eyes have seen and what my ears have heard this day. Grant that from this hour I may have a new love for heavenly truth, new strength in holy purposes and new zeal in the Christian cause.

Searcher of hearts, in the silence of this hour's retirement, I solemnly dedicate myself to thee. Do thou accept the consecration, and give me strength to perform my vows. I would retire to

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rest cherishing good-will towards all mankind. I ask thy fatherly protection. May the darkness be as the shadow of thy wings. Hear my prayer through him who loved me and gave himself for me. Amen.

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MONDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD my heavenly Father, thou hast taken care of me while I was asleep. I thank thee for the pleasant light of this morning. The darkness goeth away and the daylight cometh at thy command. I thank thee that thou dost permit me to call myself thy child. I ask thy blessing to make me wise, good, contented, and useful. Keep me from doing wrong this day. Let me not be impatient, or fretful, or angry; but may I be gentle and pleasant. O God, bless my parents, make me obedient to them; and help me to be wiser and better every day, so that I may grow up for heaven; and when I die I may go to thee and to Jesus Christ: Amen.

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MONDAY EVENING.

GREAT GOD, thou delightest to hear the prayers of children, suffer my petition to come into thy holy presence. Thou hast let me live through another day, and given me what is best for me; and now before I close my eyes in sleep, I wish to thank thee for the good things I have received. I thank thee for the light of the sun, for the friends who instruct me; for food and raiment; for a home to shelter me, and for the night to rest. Help me to remember how I have spent this day; and if I have felt or said or done anything wrong, may I be so sorry for my faults that I shall do better to-morrow. I wish to be more kind and more industrious every day. Let not my lips speak evil of others, nor my heart wish them any pain, nor my hands do them any mischief; but may I speak the truth always, and do unto others as I wish them to do unto me. Bless all poor people, and those who are sick and unhappy.

My Heavenly Father, I am now going to sleep.

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Thou seest me by night as well as by day. Keep me safe, and awake me in the morning in health. If I die during the night take me to heaven to be happy forever. Amen.

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TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, Maker of heaven and earth, thou hast created me by thy power, preserved me by thy care, and supported me by thy goodness. I am indebted to thee for all that I have; I am dependent on thee for all that I want; and I owe to thee all that I can do. Thou hast watched over me during the defenceless hours of the night. I have slept in safety and awoke in health. Early will I seek and praise and thank thee. I sincerely thank thee for that bountiful providence which has nourished and cheered me. I thank thee for my reason, education and religion; for all the gifts of nature and grace; for our Saviour Jesus Christ; for my redemption, and instruction in the truth,

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for the enjoyments of this present life and for the promises and hopes of a better life to come.

O God, may these mercies lead me to love thee more and serve thee better; to love Jesus Christ more and serve him better; to love my parents and friends more and serve them better; and to be more willing to do to others as I wish they should do to me.

While I now go forth to the duties of the day, do thou go with me; keep me from harm and bless me through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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TUESDAY EVENING.

KIND AUTHOR of my being, I would adore thee as my Preserver and Benefactor. Another day has gone to return no more. I thank thee for thy care. Thy mercies come to me with every moment of my life. They are more than I can number, and many more than I have deserved. I have sinned against thee; for I have left undone some things which I ought to have done,



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and have done some things which I ought not to have done. Thou knowest all my faults. As thou hast promised to forgive me if I truly repent, I earnestly pray thee to look in pity on my sins, and teach me so to live that I shall offend no more. I desire to be a Christian in spirit and in deed.

Blessed guide of my youth, do thou preserve me from all corrupt communications ; from those youthful lusts that weaken the understanding and ruin the soul. I would be pure in thought and action. Preserve my tongue from uttering falsehood, deceit or impiety, and my hands from committing injustice. May I be industrious, so that I shall be useful ; and virtuous, so that I shall be happy.

God of the night, keep me in safety while I sleep ; and when my life on earth shall end, admit me to the happy, cloudless and eternal day of heaven. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY MORNING.

HOLY, holy, holy Lord God Almighty, who lovest righteousness and lookest with favor on the upright, I would not go forth to the duties of this or any other day, without raising my soul to thee in prayer for guidance and help. I come in the name of my blessed Saviour to seek a Parent's face and a Parent's blessing.

God of goodness and strength, go with me through life. Enable me to exhibit purity in all my words, prudence in all my plans, honesty in all my dealings, and kindness in all my relations. Give me courage in danger, fortitude in trial, resignation in adversity, and in prosperity a humble mind. Above all, give me earnestness in imploring thy grace, strength in keeping thy commands, and zeal in working out my salvation. Thus, O God, in the way of heaven may I never halt, never look back, never turn to the right hand or to the left, but pressing forward to those things that are before, may my path be that of the just which shines brighter and brighter to the perfect day.

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And to thee, O God, only wise, shall be glory forever through Jesus Christ. Amen.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

ALMIGHTY God, defend me from every unclean thought, unlawful design, and turbulent action. May I never let the sun go down upon my wrath. Free my heart of envy, hatred, malice, pride and discontent. O let my body be always subject to my soul, my senses to my reason, and my reason to thy gracious instruction; so that outwardly and inwardly I may be fully disposed to do thy will. My heart's desire and prayer is, that I may adorn with thy moral perfections the spiritual nature thou hast given me, and thus retain thy divine image in my soul.

Let it please thee, Source of all power, to answer, by a message of strength, these my earnest supplications through him who died to deliver me from this present evil world, while I ascribe to thee all honor and glory forever. Amen.

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THURSDAY MORNING.

OUR Father who art in heaven, of whom and for whom and by whom are all things, how grateful should I feel that in seeking thee I seek the face and favor of a wise and good Parent. Thou art the light of every heart that sees thee, the strength of every mind that knows thee, and the life of every soul that loves thee. Hallowed be thy name. I would manifest my reverence for thy perfections, by seeking and knowing and loving thee as I ought; and do thou engage my whole soul to worship thee in spirit and in truth, and to honor thee in life and in death.

Our Father, etc.

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THURSDAY EVENING.

MAY thy kingdom come. May Christian faith, holiness, and hope, spread through the nations, and all thy children own their allegiance and rejoice in thy Son. O let error lose

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its sway and vice its power, and let men bring every thought into subjection to the principles of truth, freedom, and peace. Thus may thy will be done by thy family below, as it is done by the angels who compose thy family above.

May thy kingdom come also, in my own heart ; may the fruits of the spirit abound in my life and enable me to feel and to show to others that the kingdom of heaven is within me.

Our Father, etc.

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FRIDAY MORNING.

GIVER of all good, thy word allows me to pray for temporal blessings ; yet I would not ask for uninterrupted prosperity, or dangerous riches, or seducing honors, but that thou wouldst this day and every day feed me with food convenient for me. So far as to thy wisdom it may seem best, let my state on earth be comfortable and my days tranquil and pleasant. Shield me from extreme distress. Let the enjoyment of those

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relatives and friends who are most dear to me, be still continued, and when thou shalt see fit to withdraw them, graciously support me under the loss, and grant that all events may help my progress in piety, wisdom and virtue.

Our Father, etc.,

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FRIDAY EVENING.

GOD of compassion, forgive my offences as I also forgive those who wrong me. Being merciful to others, may I find thy mercy, and may it be my joy to present this request with that forgiving temper towards those who have offended me which thou requirest of all them who would obtain thy pardon. I would continually mourn over my sins with a godly sorrow; and desiring to be restored to thy image and reinstated in thy favor, I pray for that repentance which is unto life.

Our Father, etc.

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GOD of strength, bring me not into temptation, but deliver me from evil. Subject me not to trials through which I cannot pass unharmed. May the circumstances of life be no longer the occasions of sin, but the sources of improvement. Never leave me, O Father, never forsake me. Let pride, envy, and sloth, let hypocrisy, unkindness, and lust, be put far from me, while my temper and habits become those of thy kingdom. Our Father, etc.

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ALMIGHTY GOD, thy child would close the week with ascribing to thee the praise with which Jesus Christ has taught us to close all prayers.

God of my spirit, my time here is short. May I set that value on my soul which thou hast put upon it by creation and redemption. Coming from thee at first, and destined to return to thee



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at last, may I consider its dignity and durability, and resolve to secure its salvation, whatever present pleasures are to be resigned, or whatever temporal sufferings are to be endured. And having, through thy assisting grace, discharged the duties of life with uprightness and sincerity, may I be prepared to meet its last closing scene without sorrow or dismay. After a tranquil exit from this world, may I find myself, through thine infinite mercy, in those mansions of everlasting rest and peace which my Saviour has gone to prepare for his faithful followers; and there, with a purer worship than belongs to earth, may I ascribe to thee the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## SPECIAL PRAYERS.

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### FOR A VERY YOUNG CHILD.

MY heavenly Father; thou seest all I do, and hearest all I say. Thou art very kind to me. I thank thee for all thy gifts; they are more than I can remember. O Lord, take care of me, and make me a good and happy child. Amen.

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### FOR A YOUNG CHILD.

MY Father in heaven; thou art very great and good. Thou didst make the sun and the moon and the stars. Thou makest the clouds to move in the sky, and sendest down the rain from heaven. Thou makest the summer and winter. Thou keepest me alive in the day-time and in the night. Thou hast given me kind parents. I

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thank thee for all these good things. I wish to love thee more and more every day, and to do what will please thee. I wish to love my parents more, and to do all they tell me. O Lord, look down upon me, and bless me, and make me a good and happy child. Amen.

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FOR A YOUNG ORPHAN.

O MY heavenly Father, to whom shall I go but to thee? Thou feedest the young ravens when they cry. Thou art the father of the fatherless, and thy love is more tender than the love of a mother. I desire to put myself under thy heavenly care, since I have lost one [both] of my earthly parents. Save me from danger; from wicked actions and bad company. Give me good friends; and may those with whom I dwell be kind to me, and pray for me, and teach me what I ought to know. Let me not be a burden to any one, but may I be gentle, patient, industrious and honest, and find favor in the

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eyes of others by my good behavior. O Lord, do thou guide and bless me; and at my death bring me home to the house of my heavenly Father where I may meet the good persons who have gone to happiness before me. *Amen.*





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¶ The service should be performed in the church except in cases of necessity. The child is to be presented by its parents or guardians.

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¶ When the child has been brought to the Altar, the following preface shall be read :

JESUS said unto his disciples, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not; for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein." And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

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DEAR FRIENDS :

By bringing this child to the Altar, you express a desire that all the holy influences of the church may surround *him* from *his* earliest youth, that *he* may be consecrated to the service of God and Jesus Christ and our common humanity, that when *he* arrives at a proper age *he* may avow *himself* a disciple of our Lord, and that you may have strength faithfully to perform your duty towards *him*, as Christian *parents* ;

I demand therefore,

Will you faithfully and earnestly exhort this child to renounce the hurtful vanities of this world, with all covetous desires of the same, and carnal desires of the flesh, so that *he* may not follow nor be led by them?

*Answer.* I will.

*Min.* Will you instruct *him* in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ?

*Ans.* I will.

*Min.* Will you exhort *him* to keep God's holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of *his* life?

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*Ans.* I will.

¶ Then shall the Minister take the child in his arms and say to the parents or guardians—

Name this child.

¶ Then naming it after them, and either dipping it into the water, or sprinkling water upon it, he shall say :

I baptize thee in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

¶ Let us pray.

Almighty and ever blessed God, by whose providence the different generations of mankind are raised up to know thee, and to enjoy thy favor forever; grant that this child, now dedicated to thee by our office and ministry, may be indued with heavenly virtues, and everlastingly saved through thy mercy, who dost live and govern all things, world without end. We beseech thee to enable thy servants who are intrusted with the care of this child, to perform their duty faithfully; give them wisdom to be

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*his* defence against the temptations incident to childhood and youth ; and as *he* grows up in life, graciously assist them to enlarge *his* understanding and to open *his* heart to the impressions of religion and virtue. This our petition we humbly present in the name of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Now unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of his glory, with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory, and majesty, and dominion and power, through Jesus Christ, forever and ever. *Amen.*

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¶ When the children shall have arrived at a suitable age, it is recommended that they be assembled before the Altar, on the Sunday preceding the Communion; and the Minister, having first baptized any who may not have received that Ordinance, shall proceed to confirm them as Members of the Church as follows:

¶ The Minister shall say :

You have now arrived at that period of life, when it is proper you should confirm the promises made for you in your consecration, and when you should publicly take upon yourselves the name of Christ by professing your faith in him, and your determination to be governed by his laws. Do you now in the presence of God and of this congregation, solemnly promise and vow, that you will set your affections on the things of hea-

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ven and strive to live as becometh those who have heard the Gospel of Christ?

¶ Each shall audibly answer—

I do.

*Minister.* Our help is in the name of the Lord.

*Answer.* Who hath made heaven and earth.

*Min.* Blessed be the name of the Lord ;

*Ans.* Henceforth world without end.

*Min.* Lord hear our prayer.

*Ans.* And let our cry come unto thee.

*Min.* Let us pray.

¶ Then all devoutly kneeling he shall say :

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Most merciful God, grant unto these thy

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young servants, who have this day taken upon them the name of Christ, that Divine help which they will need to enable them to keep their vows. May they be saved from all sin and uncleanness and be preserved blameless in thy church below till thou shalt remove them to the church triumphant to join the glorious company of the apostles and the noble army of martyrs in giving unceasing praise to thy name, through him who sitteth at thy right hand, to whom with thee be glory in the church forever. *Amen.*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ Here, all rising, the Minister shall say :

God spake those words and said—I am the

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Lord thy God ; thou shalt have no other gods but me.

*Answer.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Min.* Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in the heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them nor worship them ; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, and visit the sins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, and show mercy unto thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

*Ans.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Min.* Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain ; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who taketh his name in vain.

*Ans.* Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Min.* Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all that thou hast to do ; but the seventh is the Sab-



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bath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day ; wherefore the Lord, blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

*Ans.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Min.* Honor thy father and thy mother ; that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

*Ans.* Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Min.* Thou shalt do no murder. .

*Ans.* Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Min.* Thou shalt not commit adultery.

*Ans.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Min.* Thou shalt not steal.

*Ans.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

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*Min.* Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

*Ans.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

*Min.* Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

*Ans.* Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts we beseech thee.

¶ Then shall the Minister say :

Hear also what our Saviour Jesus Christ saith :

The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel ; the Lord our God, is one God ; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength.

This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, namely, this :

Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

There is none other commandment greater than these.

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¶ Then shall the Minister present to each person so confirmed a copy of the Bible ; saying at the same time :

My brethren (*and sisters*), I present you the Bible, the only authorized creed, wherein you will find all necessary truth ; and I affectionately exhort you to search the Scriptures diligently, to endeavor to ascertain the truth of all doctrine ; and whatever conclusions you may arrive at, never to yield your religious convictions through fear, favor, or worldly affection.

¶ Then shall he further say :

Having given yourselves up in this solemn presence to the true God and Jesus Christ, and to his people also, promising to walk with God and this church of his, in all his holy ordinances, and to yield observance to every truth of his which has been or shall be made known to you as your duty, the Lord assisting you by his spirit and grace ;

We then, the Church of Christ, in this place, do receive you into fellowship, and promise to walk towards you, and to watch over you as a

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member of this church, endeavoring your spiritual edification in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

¶ Then while the persons confirmed are returning to their seats shall be chanted one of the following Psalms, if convenient, or a hymn may be sung.

TE DEUM LAUDAMUS.

WE praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.

All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.

To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein.

To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.

Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory.

The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.

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The goodly fellowship of the prophets, praise thee.

The noble army of martyrs, praise thee.

The holy church throughout all the world, doth acknowledge thee,

The Father of an infinite majesty;

Thine honorable, true, and only Son;

Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of glory, O Lord;

And Jesus Christ is thy well beloved Son.

When thou gavest him to deliver man, it pleased thee that he should be born of a virgin.

When he had overcome the sharpness of death, he did open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

He sitteth at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father.

We believe, that he shall come to be our judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed through his most precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy saints, in glory everlasting.

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O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage.

Govern them, and lift them up forever.

Day by day we magnify thee ;

And we worship thy name, ever, world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon ; have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have we trusted ; let us never be confounded.

¶ Or this :

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation.

Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people.

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of thy people Israel.

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¶ Here follows a sermon or address from the Minister, at the close of which he shall pronounce the benediction :

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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¶ The Service shall commence with the following sentences ;  
the Minister standing at the head of the coffin.

I AM the Resurrection and the Life saith the Lord ; he who believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live ; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord.

While the child was yet alive I fasted and wept ; for I said who can tell whether God will be gracious to me, that the child may live ? But now he is dead wherefore should I fast ? Can I bring him back again ? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.



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¶ Then shall he read the Ninetieth Psalm.

Lord, thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction: and sayest, Return ye children of men.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are even as a dream, and fade away suddenly as the grass.

In the morning it is green and groweth up; but in the evening it is cut down, dried up and withered.

Turn thee, again, O Lord, at the last and be gracious unto thy servants.

Comfort us again now, according to the time that thou hast afflicted us, and for the years wherein thou hast afflicted us, and for the years wherein we have suffered adversity.

Show thy servants thy work, and their children thy glory.

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¶ Then shall he further say :

And Jesus said, Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

¶ Then the Minister shall make a brief address, at the close of which he shall offer up the following or an extempore prayer.

¶ Let us pray.

O God, our heavenly father, in whose hands are the souls of thy children, and with whom the spirits of the innocent departed this life, are in everlasting peace and felicity, enable us we pray thee to understand and feel the wisdom of thy appointments, to bow with submission to thy decrees, and to acknowledge that the Judge of all the earth will do right ; that so our darkness may be dispelled and our tears wiped away, and our sorrows turned into joy.

It has pleased thee, O God, to send thine angel of death to cut off a beloved child from the land of the living, in the morning of *his* days. We believe in thy loving mercy and truth, and in the Gospel of thy Son. We believe that it is well with the child. Give grace, we beseech thee, to

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the bereaved mourners to say it is well. Have compassion upon them in their grief. Sustain them by faith in thy sure promises; comfort them by thy holy spirit and strengthen them with the consolations of Christ. Impress on their minds the assurance that thou didst call the child, and that *he* is now resting peacefully and safely in the arms of the loving Saviour who when he was on the earth took little children in his arms, and blessed them.

And grant, O most merciful God, that this bereavement may so touch their hearts, that they may have a new sense of their relation to thee, and a new desire to do thy will, and to devote themselves to thy service in holiness and righteousness all their days.

May we all live as those who must die, and who after death must give an account of their stewardship. May the sorrows which thou shalt see fit to send us be so improved and sanctified that we may be able to say, It is good for us that we have been afflicted. And when thou shalt call us hence may we be received, through thine infinite mercy, into that place where sorrow

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is unknown and where joy is eternal ; we ask it in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ At the close of the prayer he shall say :

Peace be to this household.

*The Services will be concluded at the grave.*

¶ At the grave the Minister shall say :

My brethren, what is our life ? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little while, and then vanisheth away. It is as the early dew of morning, that glittereth for a short time, and then is exhaled to heaven. Where is the beauty of childhood ? where is the light of those eyes, and the bloom of that countenance ? The light is quenched, the eyes are closed, the bloom is faded, the countenance is changed. Who is young and who is old ? Whither are we going, and what shall we become ? The grey head is laid low ; and the blossom of youth perisheth. All are in the hands of God.

The voice said, cry ! And he said, What shall I cry ? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness

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thereof is as the flower of the field. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, because the wind of the Lord bloweth upon it. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth, but the word of our God shall stand forever. And the word of God is his promise to you and to your children, through Christ Jesus. And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life. This corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality.

¶ Then while the earth shall be cast upon the coffin by some one standing by, he shall say :

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto himself the soul of this deceased child, we therefore commit *his* body to the ground ; earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, looking for a joyful resurrection, and the life of the world to come, when the earth and the sea shall give up their dead, and the corruptible bodies of those who sleep in Jesus, shall be changed and made like unto his glorious body according to the mighty working whereby he is able to subdue all things to himself.

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¶ Then shall he further say :

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me  
write, From henceforth blessed are the dead  
which die in the Lord.

¶ Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, we fly to thee  
as our eternal refuge, we rest ourselves upon  
thee, the rock of ages. We see thy hand in all  
the circumstances of our lives; we confess the  
wisdom which created us of the dust; and bow  
to the decree which determines that unto the  
dust we must return. Thou keepest our frame,  
thou rememberest that we are dust; we there-  
fore pray thee, help our infirmities, and pitifully  
behold the sorrow of our hearts. Sanctify to  
this family the affliction thou hast called them to  
bear. Pour into their troubled minds the conso-  
lations of thy spirit, and teach them to turn this  
their sorrow into their eternal good. May they  
be still and know that thou art God, and thou  
dost not unkindly afflict or grieve the children of  
men. May they resign without murmuring this

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object of their love, assured that though lost to them, *he* lives to thee. May they endure tribulation as becometh thy children, and disciples of thy Son, Jesus Christ. O Lord regard all thy servants in mercy. Lead us through this valley of tears with safety and peace, with holiness and religion, with spiritual comfort and joy; that when we have served thee in our generations we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience, and the hope that neither death, nor life, nor things present, nor things to come, will be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*











Family Devotions.



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¶ The family being assembled, the person appointed shall read from the Old or New Testament, after which the following litany shall be said in alternate paragraphs by the reader and the family.

*Reader.* Father Almighty, thou lovest those who love thee; and when they pray from the heart, thou givest what they need.

*Answer.* Thou art looking at us now in mercy, and hearing what we say.

*R.* Thou art great and wise and powerful.

*Ans.* We would meditate on thy greatness and power.

*R.* The light of the sun was made by thee.

*Ans.* And the light of the moon was made by thee.

*R.* The birds that fly in the air are thine.

*Ans.* And the fishes that swim in the deep sea are thine.

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*R.* Thou givest light and color to the beautiful flowers.

*Ans.* And thou dost ripen the fruits of the earth.

*R.* Thou givest food to all creatures.

*Ans.* Thou hast fed us every day.

*R.* To children thou givest parents and friends, teachers and books.

*Ans.* O Lord, we thank thee for all thy goodness.

*R.* We ought to remember thee, and to love thee with all our hearts.

*Ans.* We pray that we may do so.

*R.* Thou hast given us thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, who has told children how to be good and happy, and has promised to take such to heaven when they die.

*Ans.* With all our hearts we desire to do what Jesus tells us, that we may live in his happy family forever.

*R.* He says that we must not think any wicked thoughts; must not say any wicked words; must not do any wicked actions.

*Ans.* O Lord, help us to remember these

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things; and if we do wrong, may we be sorry, and do so no more.

*R.* Holy and merciful God, we wish thee to love each one of us, to bless us, and keep us from all evil.

*Ans.* And we wish thee to love and bless our parents, relations and teachers.

*R.* We also desire thee to bless all others, especially the sick, the ignorant and the poor.

*Ans.* O Heavenly Father, do thou feed poor children, and clothe them, and give them books and make them as happy as we are.

¶ Then shall be said the prayer for the day, and also the Lord's Prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven; hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

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### SUNDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and ever blessed God, source of all-being, and fountain of all good; we, thy children, come before thee this morning, to express our sense of thy goodness to us, to acknowledge our dependence upon thee, to adore thy greatness, and commend ourselves to thy care.

Glory be to thy name that thou hast made us capable of holding communion, with thee, the Father of our spirits, and of receiving the revelations of thy word and will. Glory be to thy name for the heavenly doctrines, precepts, and promises of the Gospel of thy Son. We make it our earnest prayer to thee, that our hearts may be touched by its holy influences, that our characters may be formed by its Spirit,



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that our lives may be governed by its laws. O guide us, we beseech thee, in the ways of its truth to the everlasting home which it promises to the righteous.

Let our attendance this day on thy public worship, and the services and instructions of thy house, conduce to our spiritual improvement and our eternal good. Let us enter thy gates with thanksgiving, and thy courts with praise, and take with us our best affections and resolutions to the temple of the Lord. Let not our thoughts, which ought to be engaged in the holiest offices, be still returning to the cares, pleasures, and follies of a transitory world; neither let us take thy name upon our lips when our hearts are far from thee. But let our prayers and meditations exalt and purify us, and assist us to discharge our duties in this life, and contribute to prepare us for that eternal world to which we are rapidly hastening.

Bless all who call upon thy name this day. May they approach thee in sincerity, humility, and love. May all denominations of Christians, however divided in opinion, be joined together

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in the bond of peace, and an earnest regard for the interests of true religion and virtue. And O let the name and the Gospel of thy Son be known and glorified more and more, till the whole world shall come to the perfect light, and embrace the truth as it is in Jesus. In his worthy name, and as his disciples, we offer these our petitions; ascribing to thee, the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, all glory and honor, might, majesty, and dominion, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

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SUNDAY EVENING.

OUR Father who art in heaven; accept, we beseech thee, our grateful acknowledgments for all thy goodness to us this day; and especially for the privileges of holy rest, worship, and instruction. We fervently pray that whatever good impressions may have been made upon us may be durable; that whatever good resolutions we may have formed may be steadfastly kept;

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that every devout aspiration we may have breathed in the sanctuary, may be remembered in the world, to guard us against temptation, and preserve us holy and undefiled. Help us to set our affections on things above. May we constantly live as in thy world, in thy sight, as thy children. Let it be our study at home and abroad, by day and by night, to love and fear thee as we ought, and to do those things which are well pleasing in thy sight.

Enable us to become true followers of thy Son Jesus Christ in all things; to clothe ourselves with his humility, purity, and benevolence. Let thy will, as it was his, be ours also. Like him, may we go about doing good. May the contemplation of his character, and imitation of his example, bring us constantly nearer to his own perfection, and to those mansions of everlasting happiness which he has promised to his disciples, and gone before to prepare for them.

Take us, Almighty God, under thy sovereign protection.—Make us in soul and body wholly thine. Sanctify our domestic relations; bless our friends, and strengthen and purify the bonds

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of love which join thy servants together. May the blessings which we receive from thee, excite our gratitude and animate our obedience. May those sorrows, and privations, and pains, with which in thy wisdom thou mayest afflict us, be endured with fortitude and resignation, and improved to our eternal peace. Watch over us during the darkness of this night, and the defenceless hours of sleep; preserve us from all dangers; and bring us to the light of another morning more inclined to love thee, and resolved to serve thee than we ever have been. Accept our evening sacrifice of prayer and praise, which we offer in the name of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

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#### MONDAY MORNING.

GREAT and most glorious Lord our God; we, thy servants, whom thou hast brought to see the light of another morning, humbly acknowledge thee as the God of our lives and the giver of all

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good. It is thou who sustainest us in the defenceless hours of sleep, and when we awake we are still with thee. Encompassed by the same care which guarded us by night, we begin the occupations of the day. O God, our trust is in thee. Give us grace to perform our duty faithfully; to use this world as not abusing it; to hold fast our integrity as long as we live; to remember that thou seest us always, and that we must render a final account of all that we do to thee, the witness and Judge of men.

We thank thee, O most merciful Father, for our domestic ties and family blessings. May we the members of this household, mutually endeavor to discharge our several duties to each other with tenderness and fidelity. Let the gentle and pure spirit of the blessed Jesus possess our hearts, and influence our conduct.

O thou, whose blessing is on the habitation of the just, let us be the joyful objects of that blessing, now and evermore. Let thy mercy encompass our abode, and follow us in all our ways. Throughout our earthly pilgrimage, be thou our guide and comforter, let thy rod and thy staff be

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our support in the valley of the shadow of death ; and lift up the light of thy countenance upon us in the regions of eternal day. O God, hear us in thy great mercy ; pity our infirmities ; pardon our sins ; and from our united hearts accept this tribute of devotion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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MONDAY EVENING.

O THOU who dwellest in the heavens, but whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain, unto thee do we lift up our souls. Thou art never far from any of us, and we cannot flee from thy presence. If we say, The darkness shall hide us, even the night shall be light about us ; for the darkness and the light are both alike to thee. Thou seest us at this moment, and discernest every thought and intention of our hearts. Thou art acquainted with all our ways, and there is not a word in our tongues, but lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether. Let this momentous truth be

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deeply impressed upon our minds. However occupied, and in whatever place or circumstances we may be, may we remember that thou art with us; that no fault which we commit will be overlooked, no virtue we exercise be unnoticed, and no prayers which we utter be unheard by thee, our God. Encircled in thy protecting arms, may we fear no evil. Encompassed by thine awful presence, may we dread all sin. When discouraged by difficulties, let us look up to thee from whom our help cometh; and when distressed by calamity, may we take refuge in thy mercy, and find peace by staying our minds on the eternal One. Through life, may we act always as seeing Him who is invisible. In death, may we find our consolation in the presence of Him, who, when flesh and heart fail, will be the strength of our heart and our portion for ever.

Accept our thanks, most merciful Father, for thy great goodness in bringing us to the close of another day, in the enjoyment of so many blessings. Graciously regard whatever of duty we have this day performed. Forgive whatever has been sinful in us. Bless and protect our friends.



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Let no evil come near us in the night ; and bring us to the morning rejoicing still in thy great goodness, and praising thee, the Father of all mercies, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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TUESDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY GOD, maker of all things, whose we are, and on whom we entirely depend ; we bless thee that thou hast kept us during the past night ; that thou hast refreshed us with grateful slumbers ; that thou hast preserved us from the dangers which walk in darkness, and hast opened our eyes on the light of another day.

We would call upon our souls, and all that is within us to bless and praise thy holy name, and not to forget all the benefits of Him, who forgiveth our iniquities, who healeth our diseases, who redeemeth our lives from destruction, and crowneth us with loving kindness and tender mercy. O teach us how to thank thee as we ought ; to show forth thy praise not only with our lips, but



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in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Let us cherish that faith which is imbibed from a pure doctrine, and is manifested by a holy life. Let us cultivate that piety which deeply reverences and supremely loves a Being of infinite perfections, and which produces as its natural fruit, a sincere love for all mankind. May every day of our lives be marked by some valuable improvement, some act of virtue, some victory over temptation and passion. May we be continually advancing nearer to perfection, to the moral likeness of our Saviour, and to thy rest and happiness above.

O God, we look to thee for thy protection through this day. Keep us from danger and sickness, and from falling into sin. Enable us to be useful to society, and to obtain the approbation of those whom we love. Let us especially so conduct ourselves this day, and through all our days, as to secure thy favor which is life, and thy loving kindness which is better than life. We ask all things in the name, and as disciple of thy blessed Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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EVER gracious and indulgent God, who hast brought us to the close of this day in safety and peace; we render thee our devout thanksgivings for the mercies which we have experienced, and commend ourselves to thy continued protection. Unworthy as we are, we yet would seek thy face and implore thy favor, for thou hast bid us look to thee as our merciful Father, who will never forget nor forsake his children, and is always ready to forgive those who truly turn to him.

We therefore pray thee, O Father, that above all things thou wouldest assist us in loving and serving thee. What our lot shall be, we leave to thy wise Providence; but O teach us, under all circumstances, to be grateful to thee in prosperity, and resigned to thy will in affliction and distress. Inspire our hearts with a purer love to thee; enlighten our minds with heavenly wisdom; and make our desires conform themselves to thy purposes. Let us go to rest this night at peace with all mankind, and with bosoms free

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from all envy, hatred, malice, and uncharitableness; and grant that we may rise up in the morning with a firm resolution to imitate thee, according to the measure of our humble capacity, by doing good.

Hear, answer, forgive, and accept us, O Father in Heaven, for thine infinite mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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WEDNESDAY MORNING.

O THOU infinite and eternal Spirit, by whose power the world in which we live, and the countless worlds by which we are surrounded, were created from nothing; by whose wisdom they and all that they contain are constantly directed; by whose goodness they are preserved in order and filled with happiness and beauty; and without whose support they would all return to the nothing from which they came; we thy dependent offspring come to thee this morning with the grateful acknowledgment of our dependence on

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thy bounty and protection. By thee our daily returning wants are supplied; by thee our dwellings are defended, our blessings are preserved, our feet are kept from falling, our eyes from tears, and our souls from death.

Weak and ignorant as we are, we rejoice to know and to feel that we are subjected to thine all-wise control, and that we are surrounded by the presence of the Omniscient and Eternal God. And especially do we thank and bless thee, O Father, for thy love in the gospel of thy Son Jesus Christ; for the heavenly radiance which it sheds on the path of our duty, through the gloom of affliction, and on the bed of death. We thank thee that it enables us to look beyond the bounds of mortality and time, and defy the power of change and death; and that it promises to the faithful servants of God, and true disciples of Christ, those glorious rewards of a future life, which eye hath never seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived.

All is from thee; all joy, all support, all improvement, all hope. O may we become worthy of thy mercies, by receiving them as from thee,

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and using them according to thy will; by renouncing and avoiding all that is evil and following after and cleaving to all that is good; by living and dying in thy fear and love.

Hear us, O Father, in heaven where thou dwellest, and accept us in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; as whose disciples we address thee, and through whom we ascribe unto thee everlasting honors. *Amen.*

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.

O God, the unchangeable and everlasting fountain of life, perfection, and happiness; we lift up our hearts unto thee, the greatest, wisest, and best of beings. Grant that we may increase in knowledge of thee, day by day; that we may constantly attain more pure and worthy conceptions of thy nature and providence: that we may manifest a more becoming reverence for thy perfections, and a truer concern for thy honor and service.

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We also pray thee, O God, to teach us the knowledge and the government of ourselves; may we keep our hearts with all diligence, amidst all the trials and changes of the world; in prosperity may we be humble, temperate, and charitable; in adversity may we be patient, and wholly resigned to thy will. Save us, O gracious God, from anger and malice, from revenge and uncharitableness, from pride and presumption, from the snares of the wicked and the fatal influence of every evil example; give us prudence to direct our affairs, resolution to preserve our innocence, and wisdom and constancy to retain our integrity as long as we live.

O God, we implore thy blessing on all that is dear and valuable to us. We pray thee to bless our country, our rulers, our friends, the churches of Christ, the ministers of religion, the instructors of youth, the rising generation, and all the means of establishing, preserving, and diffusing the principles of liberty, holiness, and virtue. Keep us this night by thine almighty power; be always our defender, guide, and friend; and to thee, the infinite and eternal God, we will

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ascribe continually all glory, honor, and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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THURSDAY MORNING.

O THOU great Creator, governor, and supporter of men; thou dwellest in light, and art the father of lights, with whom is no variableness nor shadow of turning. Grateful for the care which thou hast exercised over us during the night past, we would cheerfully submit ourselves to thy guidance through the day upon which we have entered.

Thou prolongest our lives, that we may attain more and more to the true end of life. May this day witness some improvement in knowledge, piety, and virtue. May it witness our diligence in that occupation to which thou hast called us. We implore thine aid, that we may walk before thee this day, and all the days of our lives. Help our endeavors after improvement and usefulness; enable us to make every



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day some progress in a holy life ; teach us to feel the uncertainty and value of our days on earth ; and when they shall be numbered and finished, receive us into the light and bliss of thy glorious presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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#### THURSDAY EVENING.

O God, the Father of mercies, the God of love, and of all consolation ; we thy servants unite to present unto thee our unfeigned thanks, for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and all the children of men.

We thank thee, that thou hast created us in thine own image ; endued us with social affections ; implanted in our hearts a sense of good and evil ; and called us in the fear and love of thee, the greatest and best of beings. We praise thee for our continual support, and for all the comforts of our lives. Thou givest us health and fruitful seasons, and fillest our hearts with



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food and gladness. Blessed be the Lord, even the God of our salvation, who daily loadeth us with benefits.

Above all, we thank thee for thy great mercy, in sending thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ into the world to instruct us by his excellent doctrine; to guide us by his perfect example; and to fill us with the joyful hope of eternal life. Thou hast been mindful of us and blessed us; thou hast dealt bountifully with us, and done great things for us. We will bless thee at all times; thy praise shall be continually in our mouths.

We acknowledge before thee, O God, who rulest the children of men with wisdom and goodness, that we have not duly improved thy manifold mercies. Though thou hast nourished and brought us up as children, we have sinned against thee. We desire to forsake all our evil ways, and to return unto thee with our whole hearts; and we humbly beseech thee, who art slow to anger and ready to forgive, that thou wouldst pardon all our transgressions. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us, and grant us thy salvation.

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We address our united devotions unto thee, the giver of all good things, in the name and as the disciples of Jesus Christ; and now unto the blessed and only potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords, dwelling in light to which no man can approach, whom no man hath seen or can see, be honor and power everlasting. *Ame* .

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FRIDAY MORNING.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being; we, thy needy creatures, render thee our humble praises for thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day. We thank thee for refreshing us with the slumbers, and guarding us from the dangers of the past night. For all thy mercies we bless and magnify thy glorious name, humbly beseeching thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

And since it is by thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives,

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we here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life; in which resolution do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

But, O God, who knowest the weakness of our nature, and the manifold temptations which we daily meet with, we humbly beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be effectually restrained from sin and excited to our duty.

In particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us temperate in our meats and drinks, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under any afflictions thou shalt see fit to lay on us, and minds always contented with our present condition. Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good unto all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Defend us from all dangers and adver-

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sities ; and be graciously pleased to take us and all things belonging to us under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see necessary and convenient to us, we humbly beg in the name and as the disciples of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Redeemer.  
*Amen.*

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#### FRIDAY EVENING.

Most merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins ; we come before thee this evening, in an humble sense of our unworthiness, acknowledging our transgressions of thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech thee, in mercy, and forgive us the sins which we have committed against thee. Make us deeply sensible of the evil of all unrighteousness ; and work in us a hearty contrition for our faults and offences,

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that we may obtain forgiveness at thy hands, who art ever ready to receive the humble and penitent.

And lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn into further sin, grant us the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate desires may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice; that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath, but may always retire to our rest, in peace, charity, and good will, with a conscience void of offence towards thee and towards men.

And accept, O Lord, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live as becomes it. Be gracious unto thy church: and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and

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vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbors. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and of thine abundant goodness minister unto them according to their several necessities.

We beseech thee to protect us this night. Defend us from all dangers, and give us such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the following day. Make us ever mindful of the time when we shall lie down in the dust; and grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die; so that living and dying we may be thine, and thine for evermore. We ask all in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

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O God, our Creator and heavenly Father, the giver of all good, upon whom we depend now

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and forever; we thy children thank thee for the watchful care of thy providence, by which we have been preserved during the defenceless hours of the night, and brought in safety to the light of another day.

Thy mercies, O God, are renewed to us every morning. Let our gratitude and dutiful obedience to thee bear some proportion to thy favors, that we may be a family fearing thee, and glorifying thy name among men. We desire to set thee our God before us in all our ways, that thy blessing may constantly go along with us, and that we may never undertake anything which we dare not beg of thee to prosper.

Assist us, gracious God, in the discharge of all social and relative duties. May it be our prevailing aim to bear a nearer resemblance unto thee, the original of all perfection, and to proceed, after the example of Jesus Christ, thy Son, in practice of all goodness. By the expectation of a happy immortality, may our virtue be supported, and our peace secured; that we may live in a state of continual improvement, and preparation for that heavenly kingdom, into



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which nothing unholy or impure shall ever enter.

O God, to the direction of thy wise and unerring providence we do entirely commit ourselves. Safe under thy protection, and happy in thy favor, we would cheerfully follow where thou pleasest to conduct us. Be with us this day and all our days. Be also with our friends, to keep and preserve them both in body and in soul. In health, and in sickness, in life and in death, may we lift up our hearts to thee, and make thy goodness alone our confidence and joy; and may we so pass through the changing scenes of the present world that we may be prepared for the pure and unmixed happiness of thy glorious presence forevermore. Mercifully hear and accept us, O God, through thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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#### SATURDAY EVENING.

O THOU who alone art from everlasting, without beginning of days, or end of years; we re-



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joyce that amid the continual changes of this our uncertain life, we can look to thee, O God, who endurest forever. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but thou remainest, and wilt never fail those who trust in thee, nor hide thy face from those who love thee.

Preserver of men, at the close of another day and week, we would render unto thee our sincere and humble thanks for all the mercies of thy providence, by which our lives have been supported and blest. We acknowledge with joy that it is thou alone who preservest us, and makest us to dwell in safety; for in thy hands alone our life and breath are, and thine are all our ways.

Forgive, we beseech thee, the transgressions of the past day, the past week, and of all past time. Knowing our frailty and danger from the past, may we in future take more careful heed of our steps, and walk more uprightly before thee. Quicken our consciences, and sanctify our hearts. Make us more pure, humble, and devout, more benevolent and useful; and so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

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Hitherto thou hast helped and sustained us. Truly our hope is in thee, and under the shadow of thy wings will we put our trust. Grant us refreshment this night by sleep; and may we arise in thy favor in the morning, and be fitted for the sacred duties of the day. O thou who givest power to the faint, and to those who have no might increasest strength, give unto us strength to do and bear thy whole will and pleasure. In thine everlasting arms support us; by thy mighty power defend us; let thy grace be sufficient for us, and thy goodness and mercy follow us all our days.

We commend to thee our relatives and friends. We ask thy compassion for the distressed, thy mercy for the erring and guilty, thy blessing upon all men. Promote the cause of knowledge and religion in the earth: let the pure doctrines and practice of Christianity everywhere prevail, and the whole earth be filled with thy glory and praise.

Holy Father, who dost never slumber nor sleep; the ever blessed God, who art able to do for us more exceedingly than we can ask or

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think ; the Father almighty ; the king eternal, immortal and invisible ; unto thee be all honor and glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

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PRAYER FOR A BEREAVED FAMILY.

O THOU eternal Lord our God, the Lord of life and death, who givest and who takest away, enable us all to say, with sincere and humble resignation, Thy name be blessed, and thy will be done. In all our troubles and adversities, whensoever they oppress us, we would come to thee, O father, and put our whole trust and confidence in thee, and lay down the burden of our sorrows before thee, and look to thee alone for consolation and help ; for we know that thou art a God of mercy and compassion, and that though clouds and darkness are round about thee, righteousness and judgment are the foundations of thy throne.

We desire to submit with all humility and

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patience to the recent afflictive dispensation of thy righteous providence. Be pleased to sanctify it to thy servants, the members of this family. Teach us to turn this sorrow to our eternal good; and let the sense of our loss make us cleave more steadfastly to thee. Let no repining thoughts rise in our hearts, but help us to place our affections more strongly on the things which are above, and to resign unto thee all our thoughts and desires. By this affliction may we be purified from sin, quickened in duty, mortified to the world and raised above it. Send thy Holy Spirit to abide with and comfort our hearts and enable us to endure tribulation as becometh disciples of thy Son Jesus Christ.

Bind more closely together the surviving members of this family. Increase in us a tender and faithful affection. May we learn how to promote each other's happiness and mitigate the sorrows which have befallen or yet await us. Teach us to feel the vanity of earthly things, to delight in thy word, to study thy will, to observe thy law, and to work out our own salvation; that when we go the way of all the earth, we

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may be comforted by thy presence, and admitted to that heavenly state where all tears shall be wiped from our eyes, and there shall be no more decay, nor sickness, nor death ; which we ask in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, through whom to thee be rendered everlasting praises. *Amen.*









HYMNS FOR THE CHURCH,

AND FOR

FAMILY AND PRIVATE DEVOTION.



HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.



1.

C. M.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP.

WE come in childhood's innocence,  
We come, as children free ;  
We offer up, O, God, our hearts  
In trusting love to thee.

Well may we bend in solemn joy  
At thy bright courts above ;  
Well may the grateful child rejoice  
In such a Father's Love.

In joy we wake, in peace we sleep,  
Safe from all midnight harms ;  
Not folded in an angel's wings,  
But in a Father's arms.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

2.

L. M.

THE PROMISE.

“WHERE two or three,” with sweet accord,  
Obedient to their sovereign Lord,  
Meet to recount his tender grace  
And offer solemn prayer and praise ;

“There” says the Saviour “will I be,  
“Amid this little company ;  
“To them unveil my smiling face,  
“And shed my glories round the place.”

We meet at thy command, dear Lord,  
Relying on thy faithful word ;  
Now send thy Spirit from above  
And fill our hearts with heavenly love.



3.

L. M.

WAITS.

THE SABBATH.

LORD, how delightful 'tis to see  
A whole assembly worship thee !  
At once they sing, at once they pray—  
They hear of heaven, and learn the way.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

I've been at Church, and still would go,  
'Tis like a little heaven below ;  
Not all my pleasure and my play  
Shall tempt me to forget this day.

Oh, write upon my memory, Lord,  
The precepts of thy holy word,  
That I may break thy laws no more,  
But love thee better than before.



4

S. M.

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THE CHURCH.

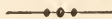
I LOVE thy Church, O God,  
Her walls before thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of thine eye  
And graven on thy hand,

If e'er my heart forget  
Her welfare, or her woe,  
Let every joy this heart forsake,  
And every grief o'erflow.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

For her my tears shall fall,  
For her my prayers ascend,  
To her my cares and toils be given  
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.



5.

L. M.

CHILDREN AT PRAYER.

God from on high looks down to see  
The humble child upon his knee ;  
And makes him there more happy far,  
Than earthly kings and princes are.

He loves to hear an infant pray  
For grace to walk the heavenly way ;  
And sends to him a quick relief  
From every pang, from every grief.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Childhood and youth by God are given,  
To gain and to prepare for heaven;  
And we our earliest hours should give  
To him who died that we might live.

Our heart to thee, Lord, may we give,  
And of thy pardoning grace receive ;  
All earthly joys may we resign  
For those celestial and divine.



6.

C. M.

CHAPEL HYMNS.

A CHILD'S THANK-OFFERING.

FATHER, I love to read of thee,  
And learn of heaven above;  
To hear what thou hast done for me,  
By thy unceasing love ;—

To think that all this world contains  
Was made and formed by thee ;  
And yet the power which all sustains  
Has thought and care for me.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

That thou art ever kind and good,  
My constant blessings prove ;  
My home, my friends, my daily food,  
Speak thy unfailing love.

Father, I know each living thing  
Should sing its Maker's praise ;  
Oh, let me then *my* tribute bring,  
My little offering raise !



7.

C. M.

THANKS FOR CHRISTIAN INFLUENCES.

I THANK the goodness and the grace  
Which on my birth have smiled,  
And made me in these Christian days  
A free and happy child.

I was not born, as millions are,  
Where God was never known,  
And taught to pray a useless prayer  
To blocks of wood and stone.



HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

My God ! I thank thee, who hast planned  
A better lot for me,  
And placed me in this happy land,  
Where I may hear of thee.

Help me to serve thee every day,  
Whilst thou shalt give me breath ;  
And grant that, while on earth I stay,  
I may prepare for death.



8.

C. M.

EARLY CONSECRATION.

Now that my journey's just begun,  
My road so little trod,  
I'll come before I further run,  
And give myself to God.

What sorrows may my steps attend,  
I never can foretell ;  
But if the Lord will be my friend,  
I know that all is well.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

If all my earthly friends should die,  
And leave me mourning here,  
Since God can hear the orphan's cry;  
Oh! what have I to fear ?

But, Lord, whatever grief or ill  
For me may be in store,  
Make me submissive to thy will,  
And I would ask no more.



9.

C. M.

THE BIBLE.

How precious is the book divine,  
By inspiration given !  
Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine,  
To guide our souls to heaven.

It sweetly cheers our drooping hearts,  
In this dark vale of tears ;  
Life, light and joy, it still imparts,  
And quells our rising fears.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

This lamp, through all the tedious night  
Of life, shall guide our way,  
Till we behold the clearer light  
Of an eternal day.



10.

C. M.

THE BIBLE A GUIDE.

How shall the young secure their hearts,  
And guard their lives from sin ?  
Thy word the choicest rules imparts,  
To keep the conscience clean.

'Tis like the sun—a heavenly light,  
That guides us all the day ;  
And, through the dangers of the night,  
A lamp to lead our way.

Thy precepts make us truly wise ;  
We hate the sinner's road ;  
We hate our own vain thoughts that rise,  
But love thy law, our God.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Thy word is everlasting truth,  
How pure is every page !—  
That holy book shall guide our youth,  
And well support our age.



11.

S. M.

THANKING GOD FOR THE SCRIPTURES

THE praises of my tongue  
I offer to the Lord ;  
That I was taught and learnt so young  
To read his holy word.

Dear Lord, this word of thine  
Informs me where to go  
For grace, to pardon all my sins,  
And make me holy too.

Oh! may thy Spirit teach,  
And make my heart receive  
Those truths which all thy servants preach  
And all thy saints believe.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

12.

L. M.

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, God, who art in heaven,  
To thy great name be reverence given ;  
Thy peaceful kingdom wide extend,  
And reign, O Lord, till time shall end.

Thy sacred will on earth be done,  
As 'tis by angels round thy throne ;  
And let us every day be fed  
With earthly and with heavenly bread.

Our sins forgive, and teach us thus  
To pardon those who injure us ;  
Our shield in all temptations prove,  
And every trial far remove.

Thine is the kingdom to control,  
And thine the power to save the soul ;  
Great be the glory of thy reign,—  
Let every creature say, Amen !

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

13.

8. 7.

PRAISE THE LORD.

PRAISE the Lord ! ye heavens, adore him ;  
Praise him, angels, in the height ;  
Sun and moon, rejoice before him ;  
Praise him, all ye stars of light !

Praise the Lord, for he hath spoken ;  
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed ;  
Laws, which never can be broken,  
For their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord, for he is glorious ;  
Never shall his promise fail ;  
God hath made his saints victorious ;  
Sin and death shall not prevail.

Praise the God of our salvation ;  
Hosts on high, his power proclaim,  
Heaven and Earth, and all creation,  
Praise and magnify his name !

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

14.

7. 6.

“REMEMBER THY CREATOR.”

“REMEMBER thy Creator,”

While youth's fair spring is bright,  
Before thy cares are greater,  
Before comes age's night ;

While yet the sun shines o'er thee,  
While stars the darkness cheer,  
While life is all before thee,  
Thy great Creator fear.



15.

C. M.

HEBER.

EARLY RELIGION.

By cool Siloam's shady rill  
How sweet the lily grows !  
How sweet the breath, beneath the hill,  
Of Sharon's dewy rose !

Lo, such the child whose early feet  
The paths of peace have trod ;  
Whose secret heart, with influence sweet,  
Is upward drawn to God !

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

By cool Siloam's shady rill  
The lily must decay;  
The rose that blooms beneath the hill  
Must shortly fade away.

And soon, too soon, the wintry hour  
Of man's maturer age  
Will shake the soul with sorrow's power,  
And stormy passion's rage !

O Thou who giv'st us life and breath,  
We seek thy grace alone,  
In childhood, manhood, age and death,  
To keep us still thine own.



16.

8. 7.

MILLENNIAL DAWN.

THE PRAYER OF LIFE.

To thee, in youth's bright morning,  
Father of all, we pray ;  
While thought and fancy, dawning,  
Lead on the rising day.



HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

To thee, in life's last even,  
We'll tune our feeble breath,  
Feel all our sins forgiven,  
And softly sleep in death.



17.

11.

AFTON.

“THEY THAT SEEK ME EARLY SHALL FIND ME.”

In life's joyous morning, while hope still is bright,  
And all thy green pathway is beaming with light,  
Oh come to the Saviour, his mercy embrace,  
And sweetly surrender thy heart to his grace.

Soon cares and temptations thy steps will attend,  
And sorrow's rude tempest may on thee descend;  
What arm can sustain thee, what wisdom can guide ;  
If Christ the Deliverer, be not at thy side ?

His love, if thou seek him, will gird thee with power,  
In Manhood's stern conflicts, and trial's dark hour ;  
With rich consolations thy anguish assuage  
When stung by affliction, or sinking with age.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

18.

C. M.

SALISBURY COLL.

“REMEMBER THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH.”

In the soft season of thy youth,  
In nature's smiling bloom,  
Ere age arrive, and trembling wait  
Its summons to the tomb,—

Remember thy Creator, God ;  
For him thy powers employ ;  
Make him thy fear, thy love, thy hope,  
Thy confidence, thy joy.

He shall defend and guide thy course  
Through life's uncertain sea,  
Till thou art landed on the shore  
Of blest eternity.



19.

L. M.

HEAVEN.

THERE is a region lovelier far  
Than sages tell or poets sing ;  
Brighter than noon-day glories are,  
And softer than the tints of spring.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

There is a world we have not seen,  
Which time shall never dare destroy ;  
No mortal footstep there hath been,  
No ear hath caught its sound of joy.

There, from the bosom of my God,  
Oceans of endless pleasure roll ;  
There would I make my last abode,  
And drown the sorrows of my soul.



20.

P. M.

THE HAPPY LAND.

THERE is a happy land,  
Far, far away,  
Where saints in glory stand,  
Bright, bright as day :  
Oh, how they sweetly sing,  
Worthy is our Saviour, King ;  
Loud let his praises ring  
Forevermore!

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Come to this happy land,  
Come, come away;  
Why will ye doubting stand?  
Why still delay?  
Oh, we shall happy be,  
When, from sin and sorrow free,  
Lord we shall live with thee,  
Blest evermore.



21.

C. M.

GOD IN NATURE.

THERE'S not a tint that paints the rose,  
Or decks the lily fair,  
Or streaks the humblest flower that blows,  
But God has placed it there.

There's not of grass a single blade,  
Or leaf of loveliest green,  
Where heavenly skill is not displayed  
And heavenly wisdom seen.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

There's not a tempest, dark and dread,  
Or storm that rends the air,  
Or blast that sweeps the ocean's bed,  
But God's own voice is there.

Around, beneath, below, above,  
Wherever space extends,  
There God displays his boundless love,  
And power with mercy blends.



22.

6. 5.

THE TRIBUTE OF NATURE.

SEE the shining dew-drops  
On the flowers strewed,  
Proving, as they sparkle,  
God is ever good.

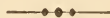
See the morning sunbeams  
Lighting up the wood,  
Silently proclaiming  
God is ever good.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Hear the mountain streamlet  
In the solitude,  
With its ripple saying  
God is ever good.

In the leafy tree-tops,  
Where no fears intrude,  
Merry birds are singing  
God is ever good.

Bring, my heart, thy tribute,  
Songs of gratitude,  
While all nature utters,  
God is ever good.



23.

C. M.

THE WORSHIP OF NATURE.

My heavenly Father ! all I see,  
Around me and above,  
Sends forth a hymn of praise to thee,  
And speaks thy boundless love.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The clear blue sky is full of thee ;  
The woods, so dark and lone,  
The soft south wind, the sounding sea,  
Worship the Holy One.

The humming of the insect throngs,  
The prattling, sparkling rill,  
The birds, with their melodious songs,  
Repeat thy praises still.



24

C. M.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

THE love of God—what is it ?  
Its bounds no tongue can tell,—  
'Tis high as heaven, 'tis wide as space,  
'Tis deeper far than hell :—  
'Twas love that sent his Son to earth,  
'Twas love that bade him die,  
'Twas love that raised him from the dead,  
And seated him on high !

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

'Tis love that bids the little child  
Draw near with humble trust :  
'Tis love that sometimes calls us home  
To dwell amid the just.  
Oh, that all things on earth might praise  
His name all else above,  
Might shout hosannas to our God  
For all his boundless love !



25.

S. M.

CHRISTIAN PSALMS

THE FADING LILY.

THE lilies of the field  
That quickly fade away  
May well to us a lesson yield,  
Who die as soon as they.

Then let us think of death,  
Though we are young and gay ;  
For God, who gave us life and breath,  
Can take them both away.



26.

H. M.

THE MERCY OF GOD.

No burning heats by day,  
Nor blasts of evening air,  
Shall take my health away,  
If God be with me there ;  
Thou art my sun,  
And thou my shade,  
To guard my head  
By night or noon.

To heaven I lift my eyes,  
From God is all my aid ;  
The God that built the skies,  
And earth and nature made :  
He is the tower  
To which I fly ;  
His grace is nigh  
In every hour.

CHRIST OUR PATTERN.

WHENE'ER the angry passions rise,  
And tempt our thoughts or tongues to strife,  
To Jesus let us lift our eyes,  
Bright pattern of the Christian life.

Oh, how benevolent and kind,  
How mild, how ready to forgive ;  
Be this the temper of our mind,  
And these the rules by which we live.

To do his heavenly Father's will  
Was his employment and delight ;  
Humility and lively zeal  
Shone through his life divinely bright.

Dispensing good where'er he came,  
The labors of his life were love ;  
Then if we bear the Saviour's name,  
By his example let us move.

28.

C. M.

H. KIRKE WHITE.

THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM.

WHEN marshalled on the mighty plain,  
 The glittering host bestud the sky ;  
 One star alone of all the train,  
 Can fix the sinner's wandering eye.

Hark ! hark ! to God the chorus breaks,  
 From every host, from every gem ;  
 But one alone the Saviour speaks,—  
 It is the star of Bethlehem.

Once on the raging seas I rode,  
 The storm was loud—the night was dark,  
 The ocean yawned—and madly flowed  
 The waves that tossed my foundering bark.

Deep horror then my senses froze,  
 Death-struck, I ceased the tide to stem ;  
 When suddenly a star arose—  
 It was the star of Bethlehem.

It was my guide, my light, my all,  
 It bade my dark forebodings cease ;  
 And through the storm and danger's thrall,  
 It led me to the port of peace.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Now safely moored—my perils o'er,  
I'll sing first in night's diadem,  
For ever and forevermore,  
The star ! the star of Bethlehem.



29.

L. M.

RUSSELL.

“ HE HATH BORNE OUR GRIEF.

O'ER the dark wave of Galilee,  
The gloom of twilight gathers fast,  
And on the waters drearily  
Descends the fitful evening blast.

The weary bird hath left the air,  
And sunk into his sheltered nest ;  
The wandering beast has sought his lair,  
And laid him down to welcome rest.

Still, near the lake, with weary tread,  
Lingers a form of human kind ;  
And on his lone, unsheltered head  
Flows the chill night-damp of the wind.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Why seeks he not a home of rest ?  
Why seeks he not a pillowed bed ?  
Beasts have their dens, the bird its nest,  
He hath not where to lay his head

Such was the lot he freely chose,  
To bless, to save the human race ;  
And through his poverty there flows  
A rich, full stream of heavenly grace.



30.

8. 7.

BOWRING

GLORYING IN CHRIST.

IN the cross of Christ I glory,  
Towering o'er the wrecks of time ;  
All the light of sacred story  
Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,  
Hopes deceive and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me ;  
Lo ! it glows with peace and joy.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

When the sun of bliss is beaming  
Light and love upon my way,  
From the cross the radiance streaming  
Adds more lustre to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,  
By the cross are sanctified ;  
Peace is there that knows no measure,  
Joys that through all time abide.



31.

S. M.

WATTS.

GOOD TIDINGS.

How beauteous are their feet  
Who stand on Zion's hill,  
Who bring salvation on their tongues,  
And words of peace reveal !

How happy are our ears  
That hear this joyful sound,  
Which kings and prophets waited for,  
And sought and never found !

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

How blessed are our eyes  
That see this heavenly light !  
Prophets and kings desired it long,  
But died without the sight.

Children ! unite your voice,  
And cheerful notes employ ;  
Let the glad tidings swell your songs,  
Till heathens learn the joy.



32.

L. M.

WATTS.

THE KINGDOM OF CHRIST.

JESUS shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth his successive journeys run ;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song ;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Joy shall abound where'er he reigns ;  
The prisoner leap to loose his chains ;  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all the sons of want be blest.



33.

C. M.

FUTURE BLISS.

THERE is a glorious world of light  
Above the starry sky,  
Where saints departed, clothed in white,  
Adore the Lord most high.

And hark ! amid the sacred songs  
Those heavenly voices raise,  
Ten thousand thousand infant tongues  
Unite and sing his praise.

These are the hymns that we shall know,  
If Jesus we obey ;  
This is the place where we shall go,  
If found in wisdom's way.



34

C. M.

INFLUENCE.

X  
WHAT if a little drop should say,  
‘ So small a drop as I  
Can ne’er refresh these thirsty fields,  
I’ll tarry in the sky !”

What if a shining beam of noon  
Should in its fountain stay,  
Because its feeble light alone  
Cannot create a day !

Doth not each rain-drop help to form  
The cool refreshing shower,  
And every ray of light to warm  
And beautify the flower ?

Then let each child its influence give,  
O Lord, to truth and thee ;  
Then will its power by all be felt,  
However small it be.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

35.

8. 7.

THE LAMBS OF CHRIST.

HUMBLE praises, holy Father,  
    Infant voices raise to thee ;  
In thy mercy, O receive us ;  
    Suffer us thy lambs to be.

Blessed Jesus, he hath bidden  
    Babes, like us, to come to thee ;  
Though by his disciples chidden,  
    Jesus told them not to flee.

Father, condescend to feed us,  
    Richly let thy mercy flow ;  
Send thy Spirit, blessed Father ;  
    Light and life on us bestow.



36.

L. M.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISE.

FROM year to year in love we meet ;  
    From year to year in peace we part ;  
The tongues of children uttering sweet  
    The thrilling joy of every heart.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

But time rolls on, and year by year  
We change, grow up, or pass away :  
Not twice the same assembly here  
Have hailed the children's festal day.

Death, ere another year, may strike  
Some in our number, marked to fall :  
Be young and old prepared alike—  
The warning is to each to all.



37.

7.

C. WESLEY.

THE RESURRECTION.

CHRIST, the Lord, is risen to-day,  
Sons of men, and angels, say !  
Raise your songs and triumphs high :  
Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply !

Love's redeeming work is done ;  
Fought the fight, the battle won :  
Lo ! our sun's eclipse is o'er !  
Lo ! he sets in blood no more !

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal ;  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell :  
Death in vain forbids his rise ;  
Christ hath opened Paradise.

Lives again our glorious king :  
Where, O death, is now thy sting ?  
Made like him, like him we rise ;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies !



38.

7. 8.

EPIS. COL.

CONSECRATION OF CHILDREN.

SAVIOUR, who thy flock art feeding,  
With the shepherd's kindest care,  
All the feeble gently leading,  
While the lambs thy bosom share ;

Now, *these* little *ones* receiving,  
Fold *them* in thy gracious arm ;  
There, we know, thy word believing,  
Only there, secure from harm.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Never from thy pasture roving,  
Let *them* be the Lion's prey ;  
Let thy tenderness, so loving,  
Keep *them* all life's dangerous way :

Then, within thy fold eternal,  
Let *them* find a resting-place ;  
Feed in pastures ever vernal,  
Drink the rivers of thy grace.



39.

C. M.

BRINGING CHILDREN TO CHRIST.

SEE, Israel's gentle Shepherd stands  
With all-engaging charms ;  
Hark how he calls the tender lambs,  
And folds them in his arms !

“Permit them to approach,” he cries,  
“Nor scorn their humble name ;  
For 'twas to bless such souls as these,  
The Lord of angels came.”

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

We bring them, Lord, in thankful hands,  
And yield them up to thee ;  
Joyful that we ourselves are thine,  
Thine let our offspring be.

Ye little flock, with pleasure hear ;  
Ye children, seek his face ;  
And fly with transport to receive  
The blessings of his grace.



40.

L. M.

MONTGOMERY

PREPARATION FOR HEAVEN.

HEAVEN is a place of rest from sin ;  
But all who hope to enter there,  
Must here that holy course begin  
Which shall their souls for rest prepare

Clean hearts, O God, in us create ;  
Right spirits, Lord, in us renew ;  
Commence we now that higher state,  
Now do thy will as angels do.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

In Jesus' footsteps may we tread,  
Learn every lesson of his love,  
And be from grace to glory led,  
From heaven below to heaven above.



41.

C. M.

HEBER,

CHRISTMAS HYMN.

O GOD ! whose holy child this morn  
Appeared on earth below,  
To mortal want and labor born,  
And more than mortal woe ;—

Messiah meek, by every grief,  
By each temptation tried ;  
Who lived to yield our ills relief,  
And to redeem us died :—

If gaily clothed, and proudly fed,  
In dangerous wealth we dwell ;  
Remind us of his manger bed,  
And lowly cottage cell.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

If pressed by poverty severe,  
In envious want we pine,  
His spirit, Lord, can make appear  
The poorest lot divine.

And when, through fortune's various scene,  
We've meekly served as he,—  
Like him, who hath a mourner been,  
May we rejoice with thee !



42.

S. M.

CHRISTMAS.

WE come, with joyful song,  
To hail this happy morn :  
Glad tidings from an angel's tongue,  
“ This day is Jesus born !”

What transports doth his name  
To sinful men afford !  
His glorious titles we proclaim,  
A Saviour—Christ—the Lord !



HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Glory to God on high,  
All hail the happy morn :  
We join the anthems of the sky,  
And sing, " The Saviour's born !"



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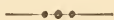
CLOSE OF THE YEAR.

TIME is winging us away  
To our eternal home ;  
Life is but a winter's day,  
A journey to the tomb :  
Youth and vigor soon will flee,  
Blooming beauty lose its charm ;  
All that's mortal soon shall be  
Enclosed in death's cold arms.

Time is winging us away  
To our eternal home ;  
Life is but a winter's day,  
A journey to the tomb :

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

But the Christian shall enjoy  
Health and beauty soon above,  
Where no worldly griefs annoy,  
Secure in Jesus' love.



44.

L. M.

THE SAME.

GREAT God, we sing that mighty hand,  
By which, supported still, we stand :  
The opening year thy mercy shows ;  
Let mercy crown it till it close.

By day, by night, at home, abroad,  
Still we are guarded by our God ;  
By his incessant bounty fed,  
By his unerring counsel led.

In scenes exalted or depressed,  
Be thou our joy, and thou our rest ;  
Thy goodness all our hopes shall raise,  
Adored through all our changing days

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

45.

10. 5. 12.

THE NEW YEAR.

COME let us anew our journey pursue,  
Roll round with the year  
And never stand still till the Master appear.  
His adorable will let us gladly fulfill,  
And our talents improve,  
By the patience of hope and the labor of love.

Our life as a dream, our time as a stream,  
Glides swiftly away,  
And the fugitive moment refuses to stay ;  
The arrow is flown, the moment is gone ;  
The millennial year  
Rushes on to our view, and eternity's here.

Oh that each in the day of his coming may say,  
"I have fought my way through,  
I have finished the work thou didst give me to do !"  
Oh that each from his Lord may receive the glad  
word,  
"Well and faithfully done !  
Enter into my joy, and sit down on my throne."

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

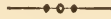
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C. M.

NEW YEAR.

BEHOLD ! another year begins  
Its little round to-day ;  
Be it a year of grief or joy,  
It soon will pass away.

Now let us heed the solemn voice  
Of years already past,  
And then our souls shall have no fear,  
Though this should be our last.



47.

L. M.

J. Q. ADAMS.

DEATH OF CHILDREN.

SURE, to the mansions of the blest  
When infant innocence ascends,  
Some angel brighter than the rest  
The spotless spirit's flight attends.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

On wings of ecstasy they rise,  
Beyond where worlds material roll,  
Till some fair sister of the skies  
Receives the unpolluted soul.

There, at the Almighty Father's hand,  
Nearest the throne of living light,  
The choirs of infant seraphs stand  
And dazzling shine, where all are bright.

For when the Lord of mortal breath  
Decrees his bounty to resume,  
And points the silent shaft of death,  
Which speeds an infant to the tomb,—

No passion fierce, no low desire,  
Has quenched the radiance of the flame;  
Back to its God the living fire  
Returns unsullied, as it came.

48.

L. M.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

As the sweet flower that scents the morn,  
But withers in the rising day,  
Thus lovely was this infant's dawn,  
Thus swiftly fled its life away,

It died ere its expanding soul  
Had ever burnt with wrong desires,  
Had ever spurned at Heaven's control,  
Or ever quenched its sacred fires.

It died to sin, it died to cares,  
But for a moment felt the rod :  
O Mourner ! such, the Lord declares,  
Such are the children of our God !



49.

S. M.

MONTGOMERY.

REST.

OH, where shall rest be found,—  
Rest for the weary soul ?  
'Twere vain the ocean depths to sound,  
Or pierce to either pole.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The world can never give  
The bliss for which we sigh ;  
'Tis not the whole of life to live,  
Nor all of death to die.

Beyond this vale of tears,  
There is a life above,  
Unmeasured by the flight of years ;  
And all that life is love.



50.

S. M.

FRAILTY OF LIFE.

JUST like an early rose,  
I've seen an infant bloom ;  
But death, perhaps, before it blows,  
Will lay it in the tomb.

To God, who made them all,  
Let children humbly cry ;  
And then, whenever death may call,  
They'll be prepared to die.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

51.

L. M.

HAPPY DEATH.

LONG let the breathing music float  
That soothes the dying child to rest,  
And gently swell each rising note  
That wafts it to the Saviour's breast.

Oh, when the youthful Christian dies,  
How soft the strains that angels raise !  
At rest on their bright wings he lies,  
And learns their thrilling notes of praise.

Sweet is his Saviour's welcome there,  
And sweet the voice that bids him rest :  
Oh, let me live a life so fair !  
Oh, let me die a death so blest !



52.

L. M.

DEATH OF A PASTOR OR TEACHER.

THE voice is hushed, the gentle voice,  
That told us of a Saviour's love,  
And made our youthful hearts rejoice  
In hope of heaven, our home above.



HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

The eye is dim, the loving eye,  
That beamed so fondly on us here ;  
Sealed up in death, the anxious sigh  
No more bedews it with a tear !

But in the land beyond the grave  
That voice will swell in rapturous tone,  
The song to Him who died to save,  
And bring the weary traveller home.



53.

S. M.

DISMISSION.

THY name, Almighty Lord,  
Shall sound through distant lands ;  
Great is thy grace, and sure thy word ;  
Thy truth forever stands.

Far be thine honor spread,  
And long thy praise endure,  
Till morning light and evening shade  
Shall be exchanged no more.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

54.

8. 7.

BICKERSTETH

CLOSING HYMN.

ISRAEL'S Shepherd, guide me, feed me,  
Through my pilgrimage below,  
And beside the waters lead me,  
Where thy flock rejoicing go.

Lord, thy guardian presence ever,  
Meekly kneeling, I implore ;  
I have found thee, and would never,  
Never wander from thee more.



55.

7. 8.

HYMN OF DISMISSION.

LORD, dismiss us with thy blessing,  
Hope and comfort from above ;  
Let us each, thy peace possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming love.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Thanks we give, and adoration,  
For thy Gospel's joyful sound ;  
May the fruits of thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.



56.

L. M.

THE SAME.

AGAIN we've seen the Sabbath day,  
And heard of Jesus and of heaven ;  
We thank thee, Father, and we pray  
That this day's sins may be forgiven.

May all we heard and understood  
Be well remembered through the week,  
And help to make us wise and good,  
More humble, diligent, and meek.

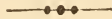
57.

C. M.

FAREWELL.

How pleasant 'tis to dwell below  
In fellowship of love,  
And though we part, 'tis bliss to know  
The good shall meet above.

The children who have loved the Lord  
Shall hail their teachers there ;  
And teachers gain the rich reward  
Of all their toil and care.



58.

L. M.

DOXOLOGY.

From all that dwell below the skies,  
Let the Creator's praise arise ;  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,  
Through every land, by every tongue.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord ;  
Eternal truth attends thy word ;  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
Till suns shall rise and set no more.



59.

8. 7.

DOXOLOGY.

PRAISE to thee, thou great Creator ;  
Praise to thee from every tongue ;  
Join, my soul, with every creature,  
Join the universal song.

For ten thousand blessings given,  
For the hope of future joy,  
Sound his praise through earth and heaven,  
Sound Jehovah's praise on high.

HYMNS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP.

60.

7.

DOXOLOGY.

GLORY be to God on high—  
God, whose glory fills the sky ;  
Peace on earth to man forgiven—  
Man, the well beloved of heaven.

Favored mortals, raise the song ;  
Endless thanks to God belong ;  
Hearts, o'erflowing with his praise,  
Join the hymns your voices raise.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.



61.

C. M.

THE PARENT'S PLEA.

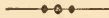
THOU who a tender parent art,  
    Regard a parent's plea ;  
My offspring, with an anxious heart,  
    I now commend to thee.

My children are my greatest care,  
    A charge which thou hast given ;  
In all thy graces let them share,  
    And all the joys of heaven.

On me thou hast bestowed thy grace,  
    Be to my children kind ;  
Among thy saints give them a place,  
    And leave not one behind.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

Happy, we then shall live below,  
The remnant of our days ;  
And when to brighter worlds we go,  
Shall long resound thy praise.



62.

7.

A PRAYER FOR PARENTS.

LORD, assist us by thy grace  
To instruct our infant race ;  
Grant us wisdom from above,  
Fill us with a Saviour's love.

May we teach them day by day,  
In the house and by the way ;  
When they rise, or go to rest,  
Till thy truth shall make them blest.

While in childhood's tender age  
They unfold the sacred page,  
May they see in every line  
Kindling rays of light divine.



HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

Heavenly Father, hear our prayer,  
We commit them to thy care ;  
Be their shepherd and their guide,  
Bring them to thy loving side.



63.

C. M.

GENTLENESS IN THE FAMILY.

SPEAK gently—it is better far  
To rule by love than fear;  
Speak gently—let no harsh word mar  
The good that we do here

Speak gently to the young—for they  
Will have enough to bear ;  
Pass thro' this life as best they may,  
'Tis full of anxious care.

Speak gently to the aged ones ;  
Grieve not the careworn heart ;  
The sands of life are nearly run ;  
Let them in peace depart.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

Speak gently to the erring ones ;  
They've toiled all day in vain ;  
Perchance unkindness made them so ;  
Oh, win them back again.

Speak gently—'tis a little thing  
Dropped in the heart's deep well ;  
The good, the joy that it may bring  
Eternity shall tell.



64.

6. 5.

CHARLES SWAIN.

BE KIND TO EACH OTHER.

BE kind to each other !  
The night's coming on,  
When friend and when brother  
Perchance may be gone ;  
Then, 'midst our dejection,  
How sweet to have earned  
The blest recollection  
Of kindness returned !

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

When day hath departed,  
And memory keeps  
Her watch, broken-hearted,  
Where all she loves sleeps,  
Let falsehood assail not,  
Nor envy reprove,—  
Let trifles prevail not  
Against those ye love !  
Nor change with to-morrow,  
Should fortune take wing,  
But the deeper the sorrow,  
The closer still cling.  
Oh, be kind to each other !  
The night's coming on,  
When friend and when brother  
Perchance may be gone.



65.

11. 8.

FAMILY LOVE.

BE kind to thy Father—for when thou wert young,  
Who loved thee more fondly than he ?  
He caught the first accents that fell from thy tongue,  
And joined in thy innocent glee.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

Be kind to thy Father—for now he is old,  
His locks intermingled with grey,  
His footsteps are feeble—once fearless and bold—  
Thy father is passing away.

Be kind to thy Mother—for lo ! on her brow  
Many traces of sorrow are seen ;  
Oh ! well may'st thou cherish and comfort her now,  
For loving and kind hath she been.

Remember thy Mother—for thee will she pray  
As long as God giveth her breath ;  
With accents of kindness, then, cheer her lone way,  
E'en to the dark valley of death.

Be kind to thy Brother—his heart will have dearth,  
If the smile of thy love be withdrawn ;  
The flowers of feeling will fade at their birth,  
If the dew of affection be gone.

Be kind to thy Brother—wherever you are,  
The love of a brother shall be  
An ornament purer and richer by far  
Than pearls from the depths of the sea.

Be kind to thy Sister—not many may know  
The depth of true sisterly love,  
The wealth of the ocean lies fathoms below  
The surface that sparkles above :

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

Thy kindness shall bring to thee many sweet hours,  
And blessings thy pathway to crown,  
Affection shall weave thee a garland of flowers,  
More precious than wealth or renown.



66.

12.

CHARLES SWAIN.

LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

LET us love one another ; not long may we stay  
In this bleak world of mourning ; some droop while 't is  
day.

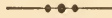
Others fade in the noon, and few linger till eve ;  
Oh, there breaks not a heart but leaves some one to  
grieve !

The fondest, the purest, the truest that met  
Have still found the need to forgive and forget ;  
Then, oh, though the hopes that we nourished decay,  
Let us love one another as long as we stay !

Then let 's love one another, 'midst sorrow the worst,  
Unaltered and fond as we loved at the first ;  
Though the false wing of pleasure may change and  
forsake,

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

And the bright urn of wealth into particles break,  
There are some sweet affections that wealth cannot  
    buy,  
That cling but still closer when sorrow draws nigh,  
And remain with us yet, though all else pass away ;  
Then let's love one another as long as we stay !



67.

C. M.

BOWRING.

RETURN HOME FROM TRAVEL.

THE bee hath its domestic cell,  
    The wandering bird its nest,  
The beast its lair in forest dell,  
    And man his home of rest.

And tired with toil, with travel tired,  
    The beast, the bird, the bee,  
By common impulse all inspired,  
    Seek home's sweet secrecy.

Man winged for farther, bolder flight,  
    Privileged o'er earth to roam,  
Still bends, with ever-new delight,  
    Towards his native home,—

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

Home, made more sacred made more dear,  
When travels far have taught  
How much about the heart, how near,  
Life's early chains are wrought.

Those chains around the heart remain,  
Through every absent hour ;  
And naught can free us from the chain,  
But home's enchanting power.



68.

L. M.

H. WARE, JR.

THANKSGIVING ON FAMILY GATHERING.

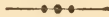
IN this glad hour, when children meet,  
And home with them their children bring,  
Our hearts with one affection beat,  
One song of praise our voices sing.

For all the faithful, loved, and dear,  
Whom thou so kindly, Lord, hast given ;  
For those who still are with us here,  
And those who wait for us in heaven ;

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

For every past and present joy ;  
For honor, competence, and health ;  
For hopes that time may not destroy,  
Our souls' imperishable wealth ;—

For all accept our humble praise ;  
Still bless us, Father, by thy love ;  
And, when are closed our mortal days,  
Unite us in one home above.



69.

L. M.

MRS. BARBAULD.

THE SACRED TIE.

How blest the sacred tie that binds,  
In union sweet according minds !  
How swift the heavenly course they run,  
Whose hearts, whose faith, whose hopes, are one !

To each the soul of each how dear !  
What jealous love, what holy fear !  
How doth the generous flame within  
Refine from earth, and cleanse from sin !



HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

Their streaming tears together flow  
For human guilt and mortal woe ;  
Their ardent prayers together rise,  
Like mingling flames in sacrifice.

Together both they seek the place  
Where God reveals his awful face ;  
How high, how strong, their raptures swell,  
There 's none but kindred souls can tell.

Nor shall the glowing flame expire,  
When Nature droops her sickening fire ;  
Then shall they meet in realms above,—  
A heaven of joy, because of love !



70.

8. 7.

CHARLES WESLEY.

ON TAKING POSSESSION OF A NEW DWELLING.

PEACE be to this habitation !  
Peace to every soul herein !  
Peace the earnest of salvation,  
Peace, the fruit of pardoned sin :

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

Peace that speaks its heavenly giver ;  
Peace to earthly minds unknown ;  
Peace divine, that lasts for ever,  
Here erect its glorious throne !

God of peace ! be ever near us,  
Fix in all our hearts thy home !  
With thy gracious presence cheer us,  
Hither let thy kingdom come !  
Lift to heaven our expectation !  
Give our raptured souls to prove  
Glorious and complete salvation,  
Holy, everlasting love !



71.

C. M.

H. K. WHITE.

A FAMILY PRAYER.

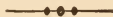
OH Lord ! another day is flown,  
And we, a lonely band,  
Are met once more before thy throne  
To bless thy fostering hand.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

And wilt thou lend a listening ear  
To praises low as ours ?  
Thou wilt ; for thou dost love to hear  
The song which meekness pours.

Through Jesus thou a smile wilt deign  
As we before thee pray ;  
For he did bless the infant train,  
And we are less than they.

Oh ! let thy grace perform its part,  
And let contention cease ;  
And shed abroad in every heart  
Thine everlasting peace.



72.

8. 4.

R. HOYT.

HOME WORSHIP.

Now rises from around the fire  
A pleasant strain ;  
Ye giddy sons of mirth, retire,  
And ye profane !  
A hymn to the Eternal Sire  
Goes up again.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

The patriarchal Book divine,  
Upon the knee,  
Opes where the gems of Judah shine,  
(Sweet minstrelsie !)  
How soars each heart with each fair line,  
O God, to Thee !

Around the altar low they bend,  
Devout in prayer ;  
As snows upon the roof descend,  
So angels there  
Guard o'er that household, to defend  
With gentle care.



73.

6. 8.

BOWRING

HOME JOYS.

SWEET are the joys of home,  
And pure as sweet ; for they  
Like dews of morn and evening come  
To wake and close the day

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

The world hath its delights,  
And its delusions too ;  
But home to calmer bliss invites,  
More tranquil and more true.

The mountain flood is strong,  
But fearful in its pride ;  
While gently rolls the stream along  
The peaceful valley's side.

Life's charities, like light,  
Spread smilingly afar ;  
But stars, approached, become more bright,  
And home is life's own star.

The pilgrim's step in vain  
Seeks Eden's sacred ground ;  
But in home's holy joys again  
An Eden may be found.

A glance of heaven to see  
To none on earth is given ;  
And yet a happy family  
Is but an earlier heaven.

74.

L. M.

BOWRING.

## HOME SORROWS.

THERE is no spot, or high or low,  
 Which darkness visits not at times ;  
 No shelter from the reach of woe,  
 In farthest lands or fairest climes.

The tempests shake the stoutest tree,  
 And every floweret droops in turn :  
 To mourn is nature's destiny,  
 And all that live must live to mourn

No home so happy, but that pain,  
 And grief, and care, the doors will press,  
 When love's most anxious thoughts are vain,  
 More anxious from their helplessness.

And yet, if aught can soften grief,  
 'Tis home's sweet influence ;—if there be  
 Relief from sorrow, that relief  
 Springs from domestic sympathy.

The home that virtue hallows flings  
 Another bliss o'er blessedness ;  
 And e'en to sorrow's children brings,  
 Or peace to calm, or hope to bless.

75.

C. M.

O LORD, my best desires fulfill,  
And help me to resign  
Life, health, and comfort to thy will,  
And make thy pleasure mine.

Why should I shrink at thy command,  
Whose love forbids my fears ?  
Or tremble at thy gracious hand,  
That wipes away my tears ?

No ! let me rather freely yield  
What most I prize to thee,  
Who never hast a good withheld,  
Nor wilt withhold, from me.

But, ah ! my inward spirit cries,  
Still bind me to thy sway ;  
Else the next cloud that veils my skies  
Drives all these thoughts away.

76.

D. C. M.

BP. HEBER.

IN DOMESTIC AFFLICTION.

OH God, that madest earth and sky !  
The darkness and the day !  
Give ear to this thy family,  
And help us when we pray ?  
For wide the waves of bitterness  
Around our vessel roar,  
And heavy grows the pilot's heart  
To view the rocky shore !

The cross our Master bore for us,  
For him we fain would bear,  
But mortal strength to weakness turns,  
And courage to despair !  
Then mercy on our failings, Lord !  
Our sinking faith renew !  
And when our sorrows visit us,  
Oh ! send us patience too.



HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

77.

S. M.

MRS. SOUTHEY.

TO A DYING INFANT.

SLEEP, little baby ! sleep !  
Not in the cradle bed,  
Not on thy mother's breast  
Henceforth shall be thy rest,  
But with the quiet dead.

I've seen thee in thy beauty,  
A thing all health and glee,  
But never then wert thou  
So beautiful as now,  
Darling ! thou seem'st to me.

Mount up, immortal essence !  
Young spirit, haste, depart !  
And is this death ? Dread thing !  
If such thy visiting,  
How beautiful thou art !

Oh, I could gaze forever  
Upon that waxen face !  
So passionless—so pure—  
The little shrine was sure  
An angel's dwelling-place.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

God took thee in his mercy,  
A lamb untasked, untried ;  
Unfought the fight by thee,  
But won the victory,  
And thou art sanctified !

I look around and see  
The evil ways of men ;  
And, O beloved child !  
I'm more than reconciled  
To thy departure then.

Now, like a dewdrop shrined  
Within a crystal stone,  
Thou'rt safe in heaven, my dove—  
Safe with the Source of love,  
The Everlasting One.



78.

P. M.

E. FLAGG.

DEATH OF AN INFANT.

WELL, rest thee, bright one ; we may not deplore thee ;  
Death hath no terrors for such as thou.  
From ills to come, from anguished years—ah ! freely  
We yield thee to thy God who calleth now.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

We would not that bright brow were marked with  
furrows,

Which Time's dread finger sure had graven there ;  
We would not that pure lip had writhed with sorrows,  
Which all earth's tenants soon or late must share.

Aye, rest thee ! yet thy mother's heart is bleeding,  
To think that form so chill and pulseless now ;  
That rich dark eye its purple lid is veiling,  
And the bright curls are still upon thy brow.

Oft has she gazed on thee in thy proud beauty,  
Buoyant and gladsome in thy childish glee,  
But ne'er before that face was deemed so lovely,  
As in its death-sleep it hath seemed to be.

And yet rest on :—the balmy winds are breathing  
A fragrant requiem o'er thy peaceful bed,  
And summer flowers, thy humble tombstone wreathin ,  
Their hallowed incense o'er thy slumbers shed.

From the far heaven the angel-stars are beaming  
In holy beauty on thy lowly rest,  
And clustering ivy-leaves are richly streaming  
With graceful tendrils o'er the sleeper's breast.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

Sleep on—sleep on! Ah, it were vain deploring,  
For thou art gone where dwelleth naught of woe ;  
In that bright realm thy pure young soul is soaring,  
All scenes of sorrow fading far below.

Then fare thee well ;—no more thy mother's bosom  
Shall lull those blue-veined eyelids to their sleep ;  
*Dust unto dust!*—we may not slight the summons—  
We give thee back to earth—but we must weep.



79

7. 6.

JOHNS.

PARENTS' FAREWELL TO A CHILD.

FAREWELL, our blighted treasure !  
Farewell, and rest in peace !  
Thou can'st with hope and pleasure ;—  
How soon on earth they cease !

The cold earth may be on thee,  
The green turf o'er thee spread ;  
Yet God's eye is upon thee,  
In thy last narrow bed.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

Oh! 'tis the pang severest  
That mortal hearts can know,  
To lay what they held dearest,  
Thus—thus—the dust below !

Resigned, not broken-hearted,  
We leave thy little grave :  
We love thee more departed,  
And heaven is strong to save.



80.

L. M.

MRS. LOWELL.

DEATH OF CHILDREN.

THEY in the valley's sheltering care  
Soon crop the meadow's tender prime,  
And when the sod grows brown and bare  
The Shepherd strives to make them climb.—

To airy shelves of pasture green  
That hang along the mountain side,  
Where grass and flowers together lean  
And down through mists the sunbeams slide.

HYMNS FOR THE HOME.

And seared below the pastures lie—  
Yet naught can tempt the timid things  
The steep and rugged path to try,  
Though sweet the Shepherd calls and sings ;

Till in his arms their lambs he takes  
Along the dizzy verge to go,  
Then heedless of the rifts and breaks  
They follow on o'er rock and snow.

And in those pastures lifted fair,  
More dewy soft than lowland mead,  
The Shepherd drops his tender care  
And Sheep and Lambs together feed !

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.



81.

L. M.

GOD HEARS PRAYER.

God is so good that he will hear  
Whenever children humbly pray ;  
He always lends a gracious ear  
To what the youngest child can say.

His own most holy book declares,  
That, as a tender father will,  
He listens to our lowly prayers,  
And what we ask will grant us still.

He loves to hear a grateful tongue  
Thank him for all his mercies given ;  
And when on earth his praise is sung,  
The cheerful notes are heard in heaven.

82.

C. M.

SINCERE PRAYER.

X WHEN daily I kneel down to pray  
As I am taught to do,  
God will not answer what I say,  
Unless I feel it too.

Some idle play, or childish toy,  
Can send my thoughts abroad ;  
Though it should be my greatest joy  
To love and seek the Lord.

Oh, let me never, never dare  
To act the trifler's part,  
Or think that God will hear a prayer  
Which comes not from the heart.

But if I make his ways my choice,  
As holy children do,  
Then while I seek him with my voice,  
My heart will love him too.



HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

83.

7.

PRAYER FOR GRACE.

\* FATHER, let a little child  
Humbly supplicate thy throne ;  
Speak to me in accents mild,  
O thou great and holy One !  
Fill my youthful heart with grace,  
Make it thy beloved abode ;  
Show thy reconciling face,  
O my Father and my God !  
May I early learn thy ways,  
Early know thy power and love ;  
Then devote to thee my days,  
Till I am removed above.



84.

C. M.

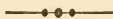
A CHILD'S PETITION.

\* LORD, teach a little child to pray,  
And oh, accept my prayer !  
Thou canst hear all the words I say,  
For thou art everywhere.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

A little sparrow cannot fall  
Unnoticed, Lord, by thee ;  
And though I am so young and small,  
Thou dost take care of me.

Teach me to do whate'er is right,  
And when I sin, forgive ;  
And make it still my chief delight  
To love thee while I live.



85.

S. M.

SEEKING DIVINE AID.

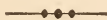
With humble heart and tongue,  
My God, to thee I pray ;  
Oh, make me learn, while I am young.  
How I may cleanse my way.

Now in my early days,  
Teach me thy will to know ;  
O God, thy sanctifying grace  
Betimes on me bestow.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

Make me, a helpless youth,  
The object of thy care ;  
Help me to choose the way of truth,  
And flee from every snare.

My heart, to folly prone,  
Renew by power divine ;  
Unite it to thyself alone,  
And make me wholly thine.



86.

C. M.

PRAYER IN VIEW OF GOD'S GOODNESS.

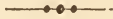
LORD, I would own thy tender care,  
And all thy love to me ;  
The food I eat, the clothes I wear,  
Are all bestowed by thee.

'Tis thou preservest me from death  
And dangers every hour :  
I cannot draw another breath,  
Unless thou giv'st the power.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

My health, and friends, and parents dear,  
To me by God are given ;  
I have not any blessings here,  
But what are sent from heaven.

Such goodness, Lord, and constant care,  
A child can ne'er repay ;  
But may it be my daily prayer  
To love thee and obey.



87.

L. M.

CHRISTIAN PSALMS.

PRAYER FOR WISDOM.

I ASK not wealth, nor pomp, nor power,  
Nor fleeting pleasures of an hour :  
My soul aspires to nobler things  
Than all the pride and state of kings.

One thing I ask—Lord ! wilt thou hear,  
And grant my soul a gift so dear ?  
Wisdom, descending from above,  
The sweetest token of thy love.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

Wisdom, betimes to know the Lord,  
To fear his name, and keep his word ;  
To lead my feet in paths of truth,  
And guide and guard my wandering yout'.

Then, shouldst thou grant a length of days,  
My life shall still proclaim thy praise ;  
Or early death my soul convey  
To realms of everlasting day.



88.

C. M.

PRAYING FOR TRUTHFULNESS.

OH Father ! bless a little child,  
And in my early youth  
Give me a spirit good and mild,  
A soul to love the Truth.

May never falsehood in my heart  
Nor in my words abide ;  
But may I act a truthful part,  
Whatever may betide.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

89.

S. M.

THE WORLD BEYOND.

THERE is, beyond the sky,  
A world of joy and love ;  
And holy children, when they die,  
Go to that world above.



90.

LITTLE THINGS.

LITTLE drops of water,  
Little grains of sand,  
Make the mighty ocean  
And the beauteous land.

And the little moments,  
Humble though they be,  
Make the mighty ages  
Of eternity.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

So our little errors  
Lead the soul away  
From the path of virtue,  
Oft in sin to stray.

Little deeds of kindness,  
Little words of love,  
Make our earth an Eden  
Like the heaven above.

Little seeds of mercy,  
Sown by youthful hands,  
Grow to bless the nations  
Far in heathen lands.



91.

7. 6.

ANGELS EVER BRIGHT AND FAIR.

ANGELS ever bright and fair,  
Take, oh, take me to your care !  
Speed to your own courts my flight,  
Clad in robes of virgin white.

Angels ever bright and fair,  
Take, oh take me to your care !

92.

C. M.

MORNING PRAYER.

LORD of my life ! oh, may thy praise  
Employ my noblest powers,  
Whose goodness lengthens out my days,  
And fills the circling hours.

Preserved by thine almighty arm,  
I passed the shades of night,  
Secure and safe from every harm,  
And see returning light.

While many spent the night in sighs,  
And restless pains and woes,  
In gentle sleep, I closed my eyes,  
In undisturbed repose.

When sleep, death's image, o'er me spread,  
And I unconscious lay,  
Thy watchful care was round my bed,  
To guard my feeble clay.



HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

Oh ! let the same almighty care  
My waking hours attend ;  
From every danger, every snare,  
My heedless steps defend.

Smile on my minutes as they roll,  
And guide my future days ;  
And let thy goodness fill my soul  
With gratitude and praise.



93.

8. 7.

CHRISTIAN PSALMS.

PRAYER FOR SUNDAY MORNING.

WELCOME, welcome, quiet morning,  
Welcome is this holy day ;  
Now the Sabbath morn returning,  
Says a week has passed away.

Let me think how time is passing ;  
Soon the longest life departs !  
Nothing human is abiding,  
Save the love of humble hearts.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

Father, now one prayer I raise thee,  
Give an humble, grateful heart ;  
Never let me cease to praise thee,  
Never from thy fear depart.

Then, when years are gathered o'er me,  
And the world is sunk in shade,  
Heaven's bright realm will rise before me ;  
There my treasure will be laid.



94.

L. M.

BP. KEN.

MORNING HYMN.

AWAKE, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run ;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

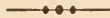
Thy precious time misspent redeem ;  
Each present day thy last esteem ;  
Improve thy talent with due care ;  
For the great day thyself prepare

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

In conversation be sincere ;  
Keep conscience, as the noontide, clear ;  
Think how the all-seeing God thy ways  
And all thy secret thoughts surveys.

Lord, I my vows to thee renew ;  
Scatter my sins like morning dew ;  
Guard my first springs of thought and will,  
And with thyself my spirit fill.

Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
All I design, or do, or say ;  
That all my powers, with all their might,  
In thy sole glory may unite.



95.

L. M.

EVENING PRAYER.

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray the Lord my soul to keep ;  
If I should die before I wake,  
I pray the Lord my soul to take.

96.

L. M.

COLERIDGE.

EVENING PRAYER.

ERE on my bed my limbs I lay,  
God grant me grace my prayers to say :  
O God ! preserve my mother dear  
In strength and health for many a year ;  
And oh ! preserve my father too,  
And may I pay him reverence due ;  
And may I my best thoughts employ  
To be my parents' hope and joy ;  
And oh ! preserve my brothers both  
From evil doings and from sloth,  
And may we always love each other,  
Our friends, our father, and our mother :  
And still, O Lord, to me impart  
An innocent and grateful heart,  
That after my last sleep I may  
Awake to thy eternal day !

Amen.

97.

S. M.

EVENING REFLECTION.

THE sun hath gone to rest ;  
The bee forsakes the flower ;  
The young bird slumbers on its nest,  
Within the leafy bower.

Where have I been this day ?  
Into what folly run ?  
Forgive me, Father, when I pray  
Through Jesus Christ, thy Son.

When all my days are o'er,  
And in the grave I rest,  
Wilt thou permit my soul to fly  
To my Redeemer's breast ?



98.

L. M.

EVENING HYMN.

GLORY to thee, my God, this night,  
For all the blessings of the light ;  
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings,  
Beneath thine own almighty wings !

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

Forgive me, Lord, through thy dear Son,  
The ills which I this day have done ;  
And with the world, myself, and thee,  
May I at peace forever be.

Teach me to live that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed :  
Teach me to die that so I may  
With joy behold the judgment day.

Oh, be my guardian while I sleep,  
Thy watchful station near me keep !  
And when the sun again doth shine,  
Oh, fill my soul with light divine.



99.

C. M.

LAST THOUGHTS FOR EVENING.

I LAY my body down to sleep ;  
Let angels guard my head,  
And through the hours of darkness keep  
Their watch around my bed.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

With cheerful heart I close my eyes,  
Since thou wilt not remove ;  
And in the morning let me rise  
Rejoicing in thy love.



100.

C. M.

TAYLOR.

FLEETING TIME.

How long, sometimes, a day appears !  
And weeks, how long are they !  
Months move as slow, as if the years  
Would never pass away.

But even years are passing by,  
And soon must all be gone ;  
For day by day, as minutes fly,  
Eternity comes on.

Days, months, and years must have an end,  
Eternity has none ;  
'Twill always have as long to spend  
As when it first begun.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

Great God ! an infant cannot tell  
How such a thing can be,  
I only pray that I may dwell  
That long, long time, with thee.



101.

11.

THE SABBATH.

How sweet is the Sabbath, the morning of rest ;  
The day of the week which I surely love best ;  
The morning my Saviour arose from the tomb,  
And took from the grave all its terror and gloom !

Oh, let me be thoughtful and prayerful to-day,  
And not spend a minute in trifling or play,  
Remembering these seasons were graciously given  
To teach me to seek, and prepare me for heaven.

In the house of my God, in his presence and fear,  
When I worship to-day, may it all be sincere ;  
In the school when I learn, may I do it with care,  
And be grateful to those who watch over me there.



HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

Instruct me, my Saviour ; a child though I be,  
I am not too young to be noticed by thee ;  
Renew all my heart, keep me firm in thy ways,  
I would love thee, and serve thee, and give thee the  
praise.



102.

L. M.

COME AWAY.

O come, come away ! the Sabbath morn is passing,  
Let's hasten to the Sabbath-school,  
O come, come away !  
The Sabbath bells are ringing clear,  
Their joyous peals salute my ear,  
I love their voice to hear,  
O come, come away !

My comrades invite to join their happy number,  
And gladly will I meet them there,  
O come, come away !  
'Tis there we meet to sing and pray,  
To read God's word on this glad day,  
Then joyful haste away,  
O come, come away.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

'Tis there I may learn the ways of heavenly wisdom,  
To guide my steps to joys on high,

O come, come away !

The flowery paths of peace to tread,  
Where rays of heavenly bliss are shed,  
My wandering steps to lead,

O come, come away !

I there hear the voice in heavenly accents speaking,  
“ Let little children come to me,

O come, come away !

Forbid them not their hearts to give,  
Let them on me in youth believe,  
And I will them receive,”—

O come, come away !

With joy I accept the gracious invitation,  
My heart exults with rapturous hope ;

O come, come away !

My deathless spirit, when I die,  
Shall on the wings of angels fly  
To mansions in the sky,—

O come, come away !

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

103.

7.

SUNDAY EVENING.

A SABBATH its course hath run,  
And still, O God, thy child is blest ;  
For thou hast been by day my sun,  
And thou wilt be by night my rest.

Sweet sleep descends, my eyes to close ;  
And now, when all the world is still,  
I give my body to repose,  
My spirit to my Father's will.



104.

7.

DIVINE PRESENCE.

THEY who seek the throne of grace  
Find that throne in every place ;  
If we love a life of prayer,  
God is present everywhere.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

In our sickness or our health,  
In our want or in our wealth,  
If we look to God in prayer,  
God is present everywhere.

When our earthly comforts fail,  
When the foes of life prevail,  
'Tis the time for earnest prayer ;  
God is present everywhere.

Then my soul, in every strait  
To thy Father come and wait ;  
He will answer every prayer ;  
God is present everywhere.



105.

L. M.

LOVE TO CHRIST.

WHEN Jesus Christ was here below,  
And spread his works of love abroad,  
If I had lived so long ago,  
Oh, should not I have loved the Lord ?

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

Jesus, who was so very kind,  
Who came to pardon sinful men,  
Who healed the sick, and cured the blind—  
Oh, should we not have loved him then?

But where is Jesus? Is he dead?  
Oh, no; he lives in heaven above;  
And "Blest are they," the Saviour said,  
"Who, though they have not seen me, love!"



106.

C. M.

THY WORKS PRAISE THEE.

ALL nature shows, in various ways,  
Her great Creator's praise;  
The young birds sing, while on the wing,  
In soft and pleasant lays.

The trees look gay, and seem to say,  
There is a God above;  
The sun's bright beams, the liquid streams,  
Say we are ruled by love.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

The bleating flocks, with happy looks,  
Say God deigns us to feed ;  
Without his power, there's not an hour  
But we should comforts need.

And if the herds, and trees, and birds,  
All join to praise God's name,  
It must not be that such as we  
Neglect to do the same



**107.**

L. M.

RELIGION.

RELIGION is the chief concern  
Of mortals here below ;  
May I its great importance learn,  
Its sov'reign virtue know.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

108.

7.

THE SAME.

'Tis religion that can give  
Sweetest pleasures while we live ;  
'Tis religion must supply  
Solid comforts when we die.

After death its joys will be  
Lasting as eternity :  
Let me, then, make God my friend,  
And on all his ways attend.



109.

L. M.

A PRAYER TO BE SAID ON ENTERING THE CHURCH.

IN God's own house for me to play,  
While Christians meet to sing and pray,  
Is to profane his holy place,  
And tempt the Almighty to his face.

HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

When angels bow before the Lord,  
And Satan trembles at his word,  
Shall I, a feeble mortal dare  
To mock, and sport, and trifle there ?

Great God, compassionate and mild,  
Forgive the follies of a child ;  
Teach me to pray, and mind thy word,  
That I may learn to serve the Lord.



**110.**

C. M.

PRIVATE DEVOTION.

I LOVE to steal awhile away,  
From every cumbering care,  
And spend the hours of setting day  
In humble, grateful prayer.

I love in solitude to shed  
The penitential tear,  
And all his promises to plead,  
Where none but God is near.



HYMNS FOR PRIVATE DEVOTIONS.

I love to think on mercies past,  
And future good implore,  
And all my care and sorrows cast  
On him whom I adore.

I love by faith to take a view  
Of brighter scenes in heaven ;  
The prospect doth my strength renew  
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Thus, when life's toilsome day is o'er,  
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¶ At the beginning of Evening Prayer, the Minister shall read one or more of the following sentences of Scripture :

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness which he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive. Ezek. xviii: 27.

I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me. Psalm, li: 3.

Hide thy face from my sins; and blot out all mine iniquities. Psalm, li: 9.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Psalm, li: 17.

Rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Joel, ii: 13.

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us. Daniel, ix: 9, 10.

O Lord, correct me, but with judgment; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. Jer. x: 24.

Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. St. Matt. iii: 2.

I will arise, and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. St. Luke, xv: 18, 19.

Enter not into judgment with thy servant, O Lord; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified. Psalm, cxliii: 2.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John, i: 8, 9.

The hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh

such to worship him. God is a spirit, and they who worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. St. John, iv: 23, 24.

¶ Then shall the Minister say :

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God, yet ought we chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me, with a pure heart and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying—

## A GENERAL CONFESSION.

¶ To be said by the whole Congregation, after the Minister, all kneeling, or otherwise assuming a reverent posture.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore thou those who are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; To the glory of thy holy name.

¶ The People shall answer here, and at the end of every Prayer, AMEN.

¶ Then shall the Minister say this Prayer :

ALMIGHTY God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of

a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live; pardon and absolve all those who truly repent, and unfeignedly believe the Holy Gospel. We beseech thee to grant us true repentance, and thy holy spirit; that those things may please thee which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to thine eternal joy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this :

O MOST mighty God and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made; who desirest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin and be saved; mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive iniquity. Spare us, therefore, good Lord; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who have sinned against thee; but so turn thine anger from us, who acknowledge our

unworthiness, and repent us of our faults, and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ Then the Minister shall say the Lord's Prayer, the People repeating it with him.

OUR Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ Here, likewise, he shall say :

O Lord, open thou our lips;

*Ans.* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ Here, all standing up, the Minister shall say :

*Min.* Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God ;



*Ans.* Be honor and glory, through Jesus Christ, forever and ever. *Amen.*

*Min.* Praise ye the Lord ;

*Ans.* The Lord's name be praised.

¶ Then shall be sung (or else said by the Minister and People alternately) the following Psalm :

*Cantate Domino.*—Psalm, xcviij.

O SING unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done marvellous things.

With his own right hand, and with his holy arm, hath he gotten himself the victory.

The Lord declared his salvation; his righteousness hath he openly shown in the sight of the heathen.

He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Israel; and all the ends of the world have seen the salvation of our God.

Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord all ye lands; sing, rejoice, and give thanks.

Praise the Lord upon the harp; sing to the harp with a psalm of thanksgiving;

With trumpets, also with shawms, O show yourselves joyful before the Lord the King.

God shall bless us, and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

¶ Or else this :

*Magnificat.*—St. Luke, i: 46.

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed.

For he who is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him, throughout all generations.

He hath shown strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat; and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Israel, as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Then, all assuming a reverent posture, shall be said these prayers following, the Minister first saying,

*Min.* The Lord be with you;

*Ans.* And with thy Spirit.

*Min.* Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Ans.* And grant us thy salvation.

*Min.* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Ans.* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, being defended by thee from the fear of our enemies, we may pass our time in rest and quietness, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
*Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, by whose Almighty power we have been preserved this day, by thy great mercy defend us from all

perils and dangers of the night, for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR RULERS.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee, with thy favor, to behold and bless thy servant THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; and finally, after this life, grant that they may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A PRAYER FOR CONGRESS.

¶ To be used during their session.

MOST gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for the people of these United States in general, so especially for their Senate and Representatives in Congress assembled: That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and pros-

per all their consultations, to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honor, and welfare of thy people; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavors, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg as the disciples of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  
*Amen.*

¶ The remaining prayers are to be omitted when the Litany is read.

A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; send down upon all ministers of the gospel, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, the needful spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Heavenly Father, for thine infinite mercy's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF MEN.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of Spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness, all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions; and this we humbly ask as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
*Amen.*

## A GENERAL THANKSGIVING.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness

and loving kindness to us and to all men. We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life ; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, to give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; in whose name we ascribe unto thee all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and hast promised by thy beloved Son, that where two or three are gathered together in his name, thou wilt grant their requests ; fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may

be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

¶ Then a hymn shall follow, if a sermon is preached; after the sermon, shall be sung a doxology, to be followed by the Benediction. If there is no sermon preached, the hymn shall be omitted and the Benediction shall be here pronounced.

THE grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. *Amen.* 2 Cor. xiii: 14.



# THE LITANY

OR

## FORM OF GENERAL SUPPLICATION.

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¶ To be used at the discretion of the Minister, on evenings  
of special service.

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O God, our heavenly Father, have mercy  
upon us miserable sinners;

*O God, our heavenly Father, have mercy  
upon us miserable sinners.*

O God, who by thy Son hast redeemed the  
world, have mercy upon us miserable sinners;

*O God, who by thy Son hast redeemed the  
world, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

O God, who by thy holy Spirit dost govern,  
direct, and sanctify the hearts of thy faithful  
servants, have mercy upon us miserable sin-  
ners;

*O God, who by thy holy Spirit dost govern,  
direct, and sanctify the hearts of thy faithful  
servants, have mercy upon us miserable sinners.*

Remember not, Lord, our offences, neither  
take thou vengeance of our sins; spare us,  
good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast

redeemed by the most precious blood of thy Son, and be not angry with us forever;

*Spare us, good Lord.*

From all evil and mischief; from sin; and from the assaults of temptation;

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vain glory and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice and all uncharitableness;

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, and the promptings of carnal passions;

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From lightning, and tempest; from plague, pestilence, and famine; from battle, and murder, and from death unprepared for;

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

From all sedition, privy conspiracy, and rebellion; from all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy word and commandment;

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By the revelation of Jesus Christ; by his holy life and teachings; by his baptism, fasting and temptation;

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

By his agony and bloody sweat; by his cross and passion; by his precious death and burial; by his glorious resurrection and ascension, and by the coming of the Holy Ghost;

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment;

*Good Lord, deliver us.*

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God, and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church universal in the right way;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and preserve all our Rulers and Magistrates, giving them grace to execute justice.

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to illuminate all ministers of the gospel with true knowledge, and understanding of thy word; and that both by their preaching and living they may set it forth, and show it accordingly;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all nations, unity, peace, and concord;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us an heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give to all thy people increase of grace, to hear meekly thy word, and to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruits of thy Spirit;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak hearted; to raise up those who fall; and, finally, to give us victory over all temptations;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to succor, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to preserve all who travel by land or by water, all sick per-

sons and young children; to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to defend, and provide for, the fatherless children, and widows, and all who are desolate and oppressed;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all men;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the kindly fruits of the earth, so that in due time we may enjoy them;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to give us true repentance, to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances, and to endue us with the grace of thy holy Spirit, to amend our lives according to thy holy word;

*We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

O Lord, grant us thy peace;

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

O Lord, deal not with us after our sins;

*Neither reward us after our iniquities.*

¶ Let us pray.

WE humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and for the glory of thy name, turn from us all those evils which we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory, through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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